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Hurd says direct talks possible

UK in contact with Iran over hostages

By Andrew McEwen, Brussels, and Nicholas Wood

MR DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, gave the first public confirmation yesterday that Britain is engaged in indirect contacts with Iran seeking the release of the four British hostages in Lebanon.

The announcement was made as the Government came under renewed public pressure to increase efforts to secure the release of the British captives by reopening official channels to Tehran and Damascus.

In Parliament, the Prime Minister rejected accusations that the Government has softened its efforts to free Mr John McCarthy, Mr Brian Keenan, Mr Terry Waite and Mr Jack Mann.

Speaking in Brussels after attending a Nato meeting, Mr Hurd said: "We have been carrying out discussions with Iran through the protecting power and through other contacts." "The protecting power is Sweden, whose diplomats represent Britain's interests in Tehran and keep watch over its empty embassy."

Mr Hurd said the Government was considering how to carry these discussions forward. "We do not rule out direct contacts with Iran but one needs to be clear that they are going to be successful," he said. However, in reply to another question, he modified this, making the test less stringent. He said: "We would not rule them out if they were to offer a prospect of success."

Mrs Thatcher replied to criticisms from the British

hostages' friends and relatives and opposition politicians by insisting that not a day passed without the Government working to gain their release, but she also reiterated her firm opposition to doing deals with hostage-takers. "We are using diplomatic contacts and others," she told MPs.

The pressure on Mrs Thatcher intensified with an intervention by Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury. "I believe the time has come for the Government to talk directly to each other to see how progress can be made," he said. "That, of course, is a two-sided matter; it needs willingness, on both sides, to talk." Although he described the Government's policy as sound and said that nothing should be done to reward the kidnappers, he called for dialogue with Iran.

Mr Hurd, asked if Britain still insisted on a gesture by Iran before it would agree to talks, made it clear that this condition applied only to direct talks. The Government has said it wants Iran either to release Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman held in Tehran, drop the *fatwa* against Mr Salman Rushdie, or use its influence to secure the release of a British hostage.

Mr Hurd acknowledged that Syria had been "very active" in bringing about the recent release of two American hostages, but gave no indication that Britain was revising its attitude to Damascus. Britain broke relations in 1986 because of evidence that Syrian intelligence had been involved in a plot by Nezzar Hindawi to smuggle a bomb on to an El Al airliner at Heathrow.

Mr Hurd also had talks on the hostages with Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, who assured him that Washington was trying to secure the release of all hostages.

In the Commons, Mrs Thatcher struck a conciliatory note by welcoming the part played by Iran and Syria in securing the release of the two Americans. But she also reminded Dr Runcie that it was Iran who formally severed the strained diplomatic relations between the two countries a year ago over the controversy surrounding Mr Rushdie's novel, *The Satanic Verses*.

Clearly seeking to avoid jeopardizing the position of the four, while not compromising over the principle of no concessions to terrorists, Mrs Thatcher also pointed out that, in spite of the break in diplomatic relations with Teh-

ran, Britain still had some contacts with the country. Earlier, government sources said that their critics were necessarily unaware of the strenuous behind-the-scenes efforts being made to secure the hostages' freedom.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*, Mr John Lytle, Dr Runcie's adviser, emphasized that the Archbishop was not necessarily demanding Anglo-Iranian talks at ministerial level. But Dr Runcie did want to see direct communication between officials. "No matter how good intermediaries are, in direct talking across a table, looking each other in the eye, you can make sure you are conveying every nuance. You cannot do that through intermediaries."

Mr Patrick McCarthy, Mr McCarthy's father, said after the Prime Minister's remarks that he hoped the Government would separate the issue of securing the release of hostages with much trickier efforts to re-establish diplomatic ties between London and Tehran. "I want to see contacts re-established immediately."

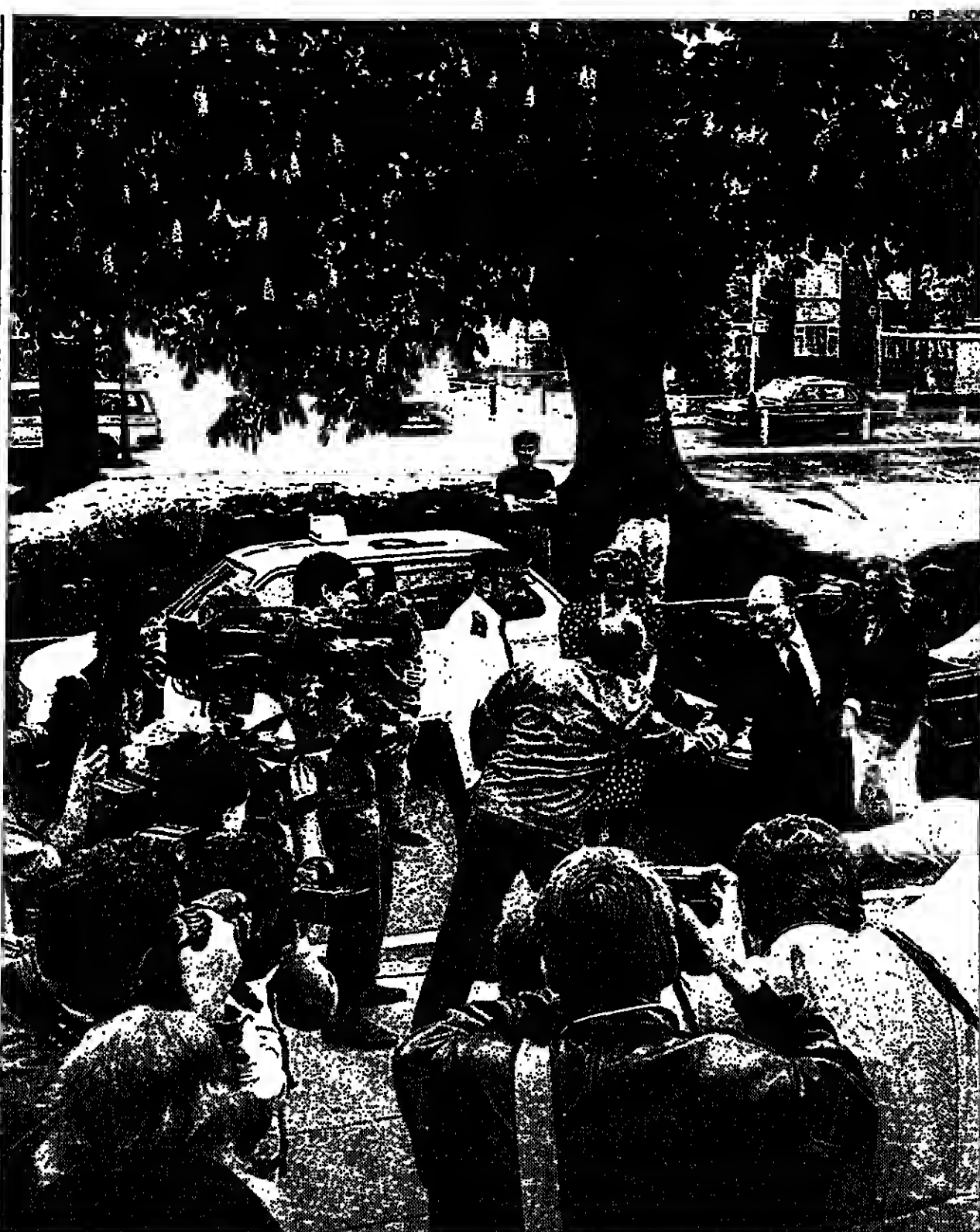
However, the death threat against Mr Rushdie continues to dominate relations with Iran. Penguin was considering whether to publish a new edition of the book. A decision not to print it, as a gesture which might aid the release of the hostages, is now being considered.

Even if Penguin decided to relinquish its paperback rights, Mr Rushdie - believed to be determined to see it published - could still upset any diplomatic accord by taking it to another publisher, despite renewed appeals from politicians and churchmen yesterday for the project to be abandoned.

Mrs Thatcher's emphasis on "quiet contacts" in conjunction with the US satisfied most Conservative MPs, but outside the House prominent backbenchers such as Mr Robert Adley and Sir Dennis Walters were critical. "It's a great pity that at this crucial stage in the Middle East, Britain should have no relations with Syria, which lies at the heart of the Arab world," Sir Dennis, a noted Arabist, said.

Mrs Thatcher is expected to discuss the hostages with President Mitterrand when they meet today at Chequers.

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Day in the sun: Mr Neil Kinnock with his wife and daughter before voting in Ealing, west London, yesterday

Leaders trade last blows in campaign

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

AS VOTERS went to the polls in yesterday's local elections in which 25 million people had the chance to vote, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock swapped slogans in the Commons to conclude the campaign.

The Labour leader said that councillors in all parties, including Conservatives, resented Mrs Thatcher's attempts to blame them for the poll tax, which was her fault. Mrs Thatcher declared that Tory councils cost less and provided better services, saying that Labour councillors were expected to take responsibility for the charges they set.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, raised the case of a Midlands widower who had been charged £1.91 in poll tax for the last two days of his wife's life, but Mrs Thatcher pointed out that the charge was made by the Labour-controlled Dudley Council. She added that the council was under no obligation to collect such a sum.

In yesterday's good weather there were indications of a higher than average turnout for the elections, the biggest test of opinion since the 1987 general election and the first opportunity for a national verdict on the poll tax.

In England and Wales, 13,990 candidates were fighting for 4,510 seats, with a further 120 contenders returned unopposed. In Scotland, 465 seats were being contested by 1,572 candidates. An extra 39 were returned unopposed.

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Bush blueprint for Nato

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday unveiled a sweeping package of proposals to force the pace of Nato's post-Cold War development and to temper Soviet opposition to a united Germany in Nato.

He called for a Nato summit in late June or early July, to be held in London, to launch a comprehensive review of alliance strategy. He is halting the development of a new short-range nuclear missile to replace the ageing West German-based Lance, and cancelling the modernization of US nuclear-tipped artillery shells based in Europe.

He wants negotiations with the Soviet Union on cutting the present short-range nuclear forces in Europe bought forward, beginning soon after a treaty on conventional forces has been signed, probably this autumn. The summer summit should address Nato's future political role in managing and stabilizing Europe, the next steps in conventional arms control and the role of American nuclear forces in Europe, he said.

It should also consider how to give the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) a more active part in shaping the continent's future.

Countering calls for the CSCE to develop into a pan-European security organisation superseding both Nato and the Warsaw Pact, Mr Bush stressed that Nato was "a proven structure upon which to base our security, and from which to promote a stable, cooperative European order". He also stressed that "the future of the United States cannot be separated from the future of Europe."

For some time it had been clear that there would not be a follow-on to Lance as it is targeted on Hungary, Poland and East Germany. Both Bonn and Congress were firmly opposed to its development and deployment.

However as late as last month Mr Bush stuck to the Continued on page 24, col 4

Dangerous dogs may be banned

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A BAN on the ownership of certain breeds of dangerous dog including Rottweilers, Doberman pinschers and American pit bull terriers, is to be considered by the Government in response to the increase in attacks on humans.

Some breeds would also have to be permanently muzzled when in public places under proposals being examined by ministers. Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, has ordered an urgent study of new legislation to combat a problem which is causing growing concern in the Government.

Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, has been put in charge of the review which could lead to new criminal offences and penalties of up to £2,000.

The proposals, which may result in early legislation, include introducing a new offence of allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place, giving courts powers to order a dog to be muzzled, defining breeds which would have to be muzzled in public and banning private ownership of some breeds.

Ministers accept that the latter proposal would be controversial and that there would be difficulties to overcome but it is being actively considered.

The study will consider the problem of banning the ownership of breeds where 95 per cent of the dogs might be safe and well-supervised. It is also accepted that a ban would have to operate from a certain date to prevent large numbers being destroyed.

'Massed Soviet troops warned Kremlin'

By Andrew McEwen in Brussels and Michael Evans

THE Soviet Army mobilized a division on the outskirts of Moscow in February as a warning to President Gorbachev that it was losing patience with his policies, a Western expert on Soviet military affairs said in Brussels yesterday.

If so, this might explain Mr Gorbachev's new, tough stance on a range of issues, and probably explains recent Soviet foot-dragging in three sets of international talks affecting German reunification, conventional forces reductions, and an "open skies" treaty.

The expert, considered extremely reliable but who declined to be named, said that an estimated 3,000 troops and 2,000 military cadets were issued with flak jackets, machine guns, and mortars on February 25. He said that his information came from a Soviet counterpart. The troops remained in their quarters but Mr Gorbachev was made aware of what they had done. A few days later, a group of senior officers went to see him and said they saw "a serious threat to the Fatherland".

A senior Soviet officer repeatedly told the President that the country was on the brink of civil war. It is understood that Marshal Sergei Akhromyev, a former Chief of Staff, was involved and may have been the leader of the group.

No hints of their action emerged until March 16, when Mr Gorbachev was photographed with senior officers and was more flattering to the military than he had been for some time. The source said he was told that Mr Gorbachev approached the military for support at the time. He was told they would co-operate, but at a price. The officers wanted him to slow down the fast pace he had set for reducing the armed forces, take a tougher line in international forums, and obtain a diplomatic dividend for any concessions made in international talks.

Clearly such information must be treated with caution. The Soviet Union is alive with pro-Gorbachev and anti-Gorbachev disinformation. If true, the incident must have involved nearly all the key figures in the Soviet high command.

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10.2% power wage deal

Leaders of 76,000 workers in the electricity generating industry last night accepted a pay offer of 10.2 per cent. The offer, one of the highest in the current round, will be a welcome news for the Government which has increasingly warned of the dangers of wage-led inflation.

Rover deal rejected, page 24

Heat waves

A tremor that shook Seaham, Merton and Sunderland, Co Durham, was blamed last night on sonic booms amplified by the unusually stable weather.

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BMW venture

Rolls-Royce, the British aero-engines group, yesterday revealed a joint venture with West Germany's BMW to develop and manufacture. In addition BMW has taken a small shareholding in Rolls-Royce.

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Conran quits

Sir Terence Conran last night resigned from the troubled Storehouse group, 18 months earlier than expected. He is to be replaced by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the former chief executive of the Lloyd's of London market.

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Macari bailed

Lou Macari, the former manager of Swindon Town Football Club, and the club's former chairman, Brian Hillier, were granted conditional bail after appearing accused of tax offences.

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Rocastle picked

David Rocastle, the Arsenal midfielder player, is in the England squad for the games at Wembley against Denmark and Uruguay.

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All of us have been foolish, says ANC

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

THE second day of talks between the South African Government and the African National Congress ended on an unexpectedly optimistic note when a senior ANC negotiator described the two sides as committed to peaceful change.

Addressing the Cape Town Press Club yesterday, Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC director of foreign affairs, created a favourable impression of the discussions. "I sensed at the meeting that we were all of us a bit surprised at how foolish all of us have been. Within a matter of minutes, everybody understood that there was nobody in the room who had horns," he said.

"I think everybody understood that this discussion ought to have taken place many years ago. When we parted, I think the general feeling was that not only is movement forward necessary, it is possible."

ANC buoyant, page 10

Habgood throws hat in the Canterbury ring

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

THE Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, has indicated his availability to succeed Dr Robert Runcie as Archbishop of Canterbury, reversing his position that he is too old. In a pre-recorded television interview being shown tonight Dr Habgood says that he could be under great pressure from the church to accept the appointment.

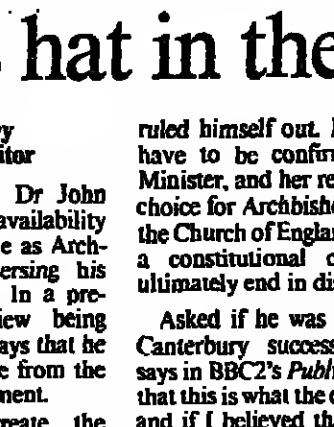
His selection would create the possibility of a collision between church and state, for circles close to Mrs Margaret Thatcher have been signalling that Dr Habgood is not much admired at Downing Street, where the influence of doctrinally conservative churchmen is strong.

Dr Habgood is one of the two or three most fancied for the primacy within the Church of England, but until now he has ruled himself out. His selection would have to be confirmed by the Prime Minister, and her refusal to back a clear choice for Archbishop of Canterbury by the Church of England would precipitate a constitutional crisis which could ultimately end in disestablishment.

Asked if he was a candidate for the Canterbury succession, Dr Habgood says in BBC2's *Public Eye*: "If I believed that this is what the church really wanted and if I believed that this is what God really wanted I would be under a strong obligation to say yes." He is regarded as doctrinally too liberal by many conservatives in the church, including some close to the Government, and will not have improved his standing with them by saying in the programme that the Virgin Birth was a "symbol" of the way God deals with humanity. But a recent poll of opinion in the General Synod showed Dr Habgood to be the clear favourite, and there has been considerable speculation whether he was after all willing to be considered, and, it appears, some pressure on him to make himself available.

In the past Dr Habgood has replied to questions about the possibility of him succeeding Dr Runcie by saying the next Archbishop of Canterbury ought to be in office long enough to preside at the next Lambeth Conference, due in 1998. Dr Habgood must retire by his 70th birthday, in June 1997.

The prospects of a conservative evangelical being selected for Canterbury appear to have been increased by Mrs Thatcher's choice of Lord Caldecote, himself an evangelical, as chairman of the Crown Appointments Commission to handle this appointment.



Dr Habgood: Under great pressure to accept

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NHS consultants face tighter check on working hours

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

HOSPITAL consultants are to get detailed job plans and will have to work to a strict daily timetable for the first time when the health service reforms are introduced next April, the Government announced yesterday.

Under new tighter contracts, consultants will be expected to fulfil regular fixed commitments such as operating or taking outpatient clinics on certain days every week as well as undertaking administrative and management work. They will also have to specify where they are working.

The tough measures, which follow months of negotiations with the British Medical Association's consultants committee, are designed to ensure that doctors fulfil their health service contracts.

They were prompted by concern that a minority of doctors were abusing their health service jobs by taking on too much private work and failing to turn up to health service sessions. An inquiry is under way in Birmingham after allegations that over 60 health service consultants were abusing their contracts.

Full-time health service

consultants are expected to gain a maximum of ten per cent of their earnings from private practice. Part-timers can do as much private practice as they like provided they fulfil their health service contract. The British Medical Association has consistently said that most consultants more than fulfil their health service contracts.

However, yesterday the consultants committee reluctantly voted to accept the new terms claiming that both sides had made more concessions than they would have liked.

"By April next year, every consultant will have a job plan agreed with local NHS managers and that plan will be reviewed each year," Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

"Health authorities and consultants will now have a proper framework within which to agree each consultant's duties," he said. "It will make sure that consultants do carry out their NHS contracts fully which the vast majority will have no difficulty with because they already do now."

The job plans are expected

to cover the main duties and responsibilities of the consultant and a work programme for the "typical" week, specifying fixed commitments.

Fixed commitments cover sessions when other staff are involved, such as outpatient clinics and operating lists. Consultants will be expected to do between five and seven fixed sessions (half day) a week, depending on the specialty.

If they cannot make the session they have to notify management in advance except in an emergency.

In addition, consultants will be expected to do other sessions covering administration, medical audit and on-call duties each week but these will not be fitted into the rigid timetable. All consultants will be expected to do at least ten half-day sessions a week.

Mr Paddy Ross, chairman of the consultants committee, said that the new job plans would recognize that consultants could not "be boxed" into a 9 to 5 daily programme five days a week and that doctors had to work on a flexible basis.



BELINDA Baldwin, who plays a bird in Benjamin Britten's opera for children, *Noye Fludde*, in this year's BBC Promenade season, seeing eye to eye with a real feathered friend at the announcement of this season's programme yesterday.

This year's Proms offers to flood the Royal Albert Hall for the last Sunday of the seven-week season with the opera. Mr John Drammond, Controller of BBC Radio 3, said: "Sundays are always a problem during the Proms. We have to think of something a bit special."

Cleo Laine, the jazz singer, will make her

Proms debut by playing God — a speaking role — in the production. The main attraction, however, is certain to be the Fenchley Children's Music Group, the original members of which gave the first amateur performance of the opera more than 30 years ago.

This year's Proms will include five evenings of opera and 66 concerts given by 28 orchestras from 20 countries.

For the first time the Proms will link up with the Notting Hill Carnival on August Bank Holiday Monday when the London All Stars Steelband will perform, not in the Albert Hall this time but in nearby Kensington Gardens.

Prison officers to vote on action

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

BRITAIN'S 20,000 prison officers are to be balloted on whether to take national industrial action in a move likely to cause serious tension in the troubled penal estate.

The Prison Officers Association's national executive decided yesterday that the union's membership should be balloted at the earliest opportunity.

The move, which in the opinion of some governors could spark new jail disturbances, came as officers in eight jails in the London area began industrial action over a separate dispute.

Their campaign will mean that newly sentenced offenders or inmates attending remand hearings will be barred from entering overcrowded

jails such as Wandsworth or Brixton, both in London. These jails receive around 130 inmates a day, so many prisoners may be diverted to police cells.

Mr John Bartell, POA chairman, speaking after the executive's vote, said the way the Home Office had transferred prisoners from riot-hit jails over the past few weeks amounted to "criminal irresponsibility". The safety of staff and inmates was being jeopardized.

Officials had been angered by a confidential memorandum allegedly issued by the department which said that staff who refused to co-operate would have their pay docked.

Mr Bartell said the postal

ballot would be conducted as quickly as possible. In practice, this was likely to be in a fortnight's time, after the union's national conference.

If the membership votes for sanctions — which seems likely — the executive will probably use the same tactics as its London branches. Strike action is very unlikely, given the immediately disastrous impact this would have on jail stability.

Mr Bartell said: "The Home Office is displacing prisoners around the system in such a way that we have no doubt whatsoever that there will be further violent eruptions of civil within the system." The union is angry about the number of inmates, displaced by riots, who have had their security rating downgraded.

A Home Office spokeswoman said: "The prison department regrets the Prison Officers' Association decision to ballot for industrial action. It is particularly unfortunate that such a move should be made without any constructive attempt by the union to resolve the situation through talks."

Howe tells directors to show restraint

SIR Geoffrey Howe, Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday urged company chiefs to show moderation on their own pay, after claims of 33 per cent rises for directors.

He was responding at question time in the Commons to Dr Marjorie Mowlam (Lab, Redcar) who wrote to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, urging her to condemn irresponsible top salary awards.

Dr Mowlam told Sir Geoffrey that directors' pay "was now running at four times the rate of inflation". She said: "There is general public outrage at the 33 per cent average rise that directors are paid. It is an outrage. It is a bad example."

Sir Geoffrey said: "I would share your concern, although not to the extent and the language you have expressed. Those in charge of companies and businesses should certainly take account of the need for moderation for themselves as well as for those they employ."

Dr Mowlam told Mrs Thatcher in her letter: "If the Government are so concerned to halt what they call inflationary pay rises then they should take the opportunity to join Labour in condemning the example set by company directors who irresponsibly award themselves rises, in some cases four times the rate of inflation."

Director to consult on science job cuts

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

SCIENTISTS at the Natural History Museum's scientists were claiming a victory after the museum's director, Dr Neil Chalmers, agreed yesterday not to send his corporate plan to the Minister for the Arts until he has consulted with trade unions.

The plan would scrap 100 posts and cut the scientific staff by 15 per cent.

In return the unions, led by the Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, have agreed not to strike today. The institution, though, is balloting members on strike action next Friday.

Dr Penny Wheatcroft, the union's branch chairman, said: "We are amazed at what has been achieved." The plan had appeared "set in stone".

£216,000 fees

NEARLY £216,000 was spent on legal fees in the trial of the case of the Winchester Three, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, said. The convictions were quashed last month. Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said the cost of their imprisonment was £161,000.

Turkey win

Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has won the first round in a battle to safeguard the British practice of hanging whole turkeys before sale to improve their flavour. Proposed EC meat hygiene regulations to take effect from 1992 plan to ban the practice.

War crime move

A senior Tory peer, Lord Campbell of Alloway QC, yesterday tabled a motion that will ask the House of Lords to throw out the War Crimes Bill before a second reading. The Bill would allow suspected Nazi war criminals to stand trial in Britain. He was a prisoner of war in Colditz.

Duke's new role

The Duke of Edinburgh is to become the first member of the Royal Family to appear in an advertisement. He will explain to the TV character Alf Garnett, played by Warren Mitchell, why he should support the British Sports Trust, which helps young people enter sport.

Falcon success

A pair of peregrine falcons nesting at Symonds Yat beauty spot in Hereford & Worcester, became parents again yesterday. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which has been guarding the nest, believes two falcons may have hatched from a batch of four eggs.

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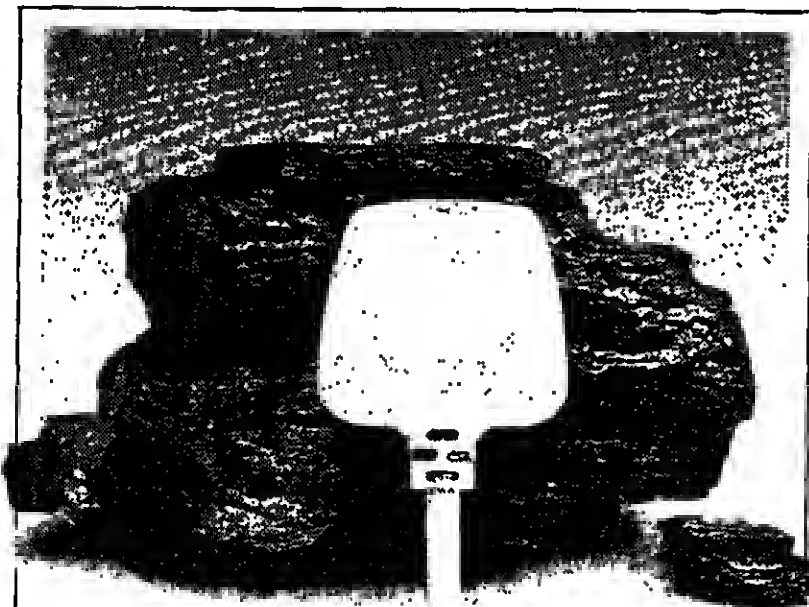
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Inquiry ordered on 'at-risk' boy, 5, killed by stepfather

By Ray Clancy

A COUNCIL last night ordered an independent inquiry into the death of a boy aged five who had been on the at risk register after his stepfather killed him with a blow which ruptured his stomach.

Gerald Dowden, aged 30, a gardener, of Hackney, east London, was yesterday found guilty at the Central Criminal Court of murdering Daniel Vergauwen last September. He was also jailed for four years, to run concurrently, for child cruelty in the year up to Daniel's death.

Leonie Vergauwen, aged 31, the child's mother, was cleared of manslaughter but convicted of cruelty. She was released on bail after sentence was deferred for social inquiry reports.

Mr Gordon Peters, director

of social services at Hackney Council, said an independent review into the background to Daniel's death would be carried out. "While it is possible to say with hindsight that Daniel would not have died if he had been taken into care, I am confident that his social worker and her managers acted with the greatest propriety, competence and judgement in the light of the information available to them."

However, the court heard there had been a breakdown in communications. Dowden swore at a social worker when she tried to check on the child and threatened to throw her off their third-floor balcony. Miss Caroline Lynch reported what had happened and a case conference was called but only she and a health visitor turned

up. "Unfortunately the legal people were unable to attend. I was very disappointed because I thought we needed action," Miss Lynch told the jury.

The breakdown in communications could be central to the inquiry. The police said they were not told of the death threat to Miss Lynch or asked to back up the social welfare team trying to get access to the child.

The court also heard that the child had been on the council's at-risk register for three years but he died alone and in agony while his mother and stepfather smoked cannabis in the next room. He had been beaten with a snooker cue. According to medical evidence he died from a final blow from Dowden's fist which ruptured his stomach.

Daniel was placed on the at-risk register in August 1986 after a police officer had seen Vergauwen repeatedly punch her son, then aged two, in the street. "When I challenged her she took no notice of me and continued to hit him short, sharp jabs in his back," Police Constable Andrew Larkin said.

It took four officers to get her into a police van. A police doctor found 18 bruises on the child's back. A year later play centre staff took Daniel to hospital after his mother had dragged him in one morning frightened and bruised. A doctor found marks on his back and the outline of a hand on his face.

Social workers considered the mother rather than the stepfather as the main danger to the child. According to neighbours both regularly hit the child. But it was Dowden who delivered the fatal blow to the boy because he was reluctant to get ready for bed.

'Danny can stay in the dark cold'

DANIEL Vergauwen's mother had a love-hate relationship with her son. Her indulgence in drugs and the occult resulted in destructive mood swings which have been chronicled in her personal diaries which were given to the jury.

A former art student, she wrote that her heart had "grown cold" towards her son. Her innermost thoughts show she thought he was "an unbearable burden" and reveal how he was denied food and beaten. "My mind is cursing Danny," she wrote on January 28 last year. "He can stay in the dark, cold, no TV, food, drink and all the rest."

Four days later she vowed, "I will give Danny the slap on

the backside he deserves," and in another extract she wrote: "Danny can tell his tales and he will, but where are the marks? The terrible wait of never daring to biff him has gone."

She wrote again: "He is still in his room and still has no dinner. I do not have to take it endlessly, so Danny must accept his punishment." In February last year an extract said: "He has broken my heart time and time again, troubled my mind, driven me to despair, so my heart has grown really cold."

Her lover, Gerald Dowden, told neighbours: "I am going home to wind Leonie up. I'm going to play mind games with her."

Neolithic henge found in Sussex

By A Staff Reporter

IMPORTANT prehistoric remains including a rare Neolithic henge and Bronze Age village have been discovered along the route of the new Brighton-by-Sea, English Heritage has given archaeologists £125,000 to examine the sites which were found when trial trenches were dug at intervals along the road which is under construction.

The henge is of particular interest because it is the first strong evidence that these kinds of monuments existed in the south coast area. The body of a woman in a foetal position has been found buried in the centre. It was under the foundations of two circular Bronze Age huts at Mile Oak Farm near Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, and dates from the late Neolithic period.

"This type of large, circular henge is extremely rare in the South-east of England. The henge and the village site were unknown and unsuspected prior to trial trenches being dug at intervals along the road corridor. Unusually, aerial photography and field surveys had given no hint of their existence," an English Heritage spokesman said.

The Bronze Age village has been unearthed at Downsview near Falmer, Sussex. Nine huts have been found and are in a "remarkably good state of preservation" with clearly defined entrances and walls. Central fireplaces are visible in two of the huts and pottery has been found.

Archaeologists hope to obtain an insight into the activities of peoples who lived in the Sussex area between 5,000 and 3,000 years ago and will continue excavations for several months, during which every detail of the sites will be methodically recorded. However, the sites will eventually be covered by the new road.

Lecturers' leaders recommend 9%

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

LEADERS of 60,000 university lecturers and academic staff last night agreed to recommend acceptance of a 9 per cent pay offer from the vice chancellors.

The ruling council of the Association of University Teachers will meet today to consider the offer which will be supplemented from next January by a further 1 per cent on the salary bill to fund merit rises for some academics.

The union's executive met yesterday and decided to recommend acceptance on the grounds that nothing better could be achieved. The AUT had lodged a 27 per cent claim.

The universities' original pay offer of 7.25 per cent, tabled in April, was re-jigged

by delaying the payment of the rise, due on April 1, by a month and using the money saved to boost the offer.

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals said the combination of a flat rate increase and merit pay would mean that the average salary of university lecturers would rise by 10 per cent over the next 12 months.

The one-month delay in applying the 9 per cent rise to lecturers' salaries meant that the pay deal will only cost the universities 8.5 per cent in the full year.

Sir Edward Parkes, chairman of the committee said: "We are delighted to have been able to find enough money to increase academic staff salaries by more than the rate of inflation."

The pay deal will mean that the lecturers' salary scale will range from £12,000 to £29,000. Librarians and researchers will start on £11,400 and the minimum rate for professors will rise to £27,000.

Miss Diana Warwick, general secretary of the AUT said: "I believe that our council will accept this offer but it is so frustrating that we have only managed to stand still."

"We must convince this government that universities must attract educators of the highest calibre. Otherwise we sow the seeds for certain economic decline in the 21st century."

One in four schoolteachers are happy in their work and even they feel overwhelmed by the pace of change in schools, according to a survey by Manchester University.

The study, conducted by Dr Pamela Robinson and published in today's edition of *The Times Educational Supplement*, shows that a quarter of teachers are so unhappy that they want to quit.

All of the 300 teachers interviewed said that they were unhappy with pace of reform in schools.

'Cab rank' legal rule set for all

By Frances Gibb

LEGAL AFFAIRS Correspondent SOLICITORS, as well as barristers, will be obliged to have a "cab-rank" rule in their professional rules of conduct under a Government amendment to the Courts and Legal Services Bill tabled yesterday.

The amendment seeks to modify the effects of the government defeat in the House of Lords over the "cab-rank" rule, while preserving the principle that lawyers must not discriminate against clients.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said he had been concerned since the House of Lords' decision to include the "cab-rank" rule in the Bill, to meet the objectives of the House. He has also made clear that such a rule should not be part of the primary legislation.

tumours, he said. The robot has been in development for four years. The single-armed machine used a rotary cutter to carve out a cavity in the dog's thigh bone and fitted the implant.

Dr Paul said: "The robot is very steady and we are able to programme it with exact dimensions of the prosthesis so that we get a perfect match with the bone. That is impossible to do manually."

He said that the tight fit should improve the stability of the replacement, reduce pain and speed the attachment of the implant to the bone.

Nine days before the operation three tiny pins were put into the dog's right leg bone to act as reference points for Robodoc. A computer scan was then done of the dog's thigh with three-dimensional X-ray images fed into a computer to aid the robot.

Dr Paul said that robots were unlikely to replace humans entirely in the operating room but believed that they

could make a good human surgeon better.

Pet owners should learn to see the world through the eyes of their animals to help them adapt better to living in a human den, an animal behaviourist said yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes).

Mr Peter Neville said people were becoming increasingly dependent on pets "to help us release emotions in a manner that is often impossible to enjoy with our own species". Speaking at the launch of National Pet Week in London he said: "You can play, nurture, cry, laugh with and at your pet with no fear of rejection or ridicule that you might encounter from workmates or friends."

He also criticized amateur breeders of aggressive dogs. "Breeding of large assertive breeds, selected for baying, fighting and war in centuries past, cannot and should not be in the hands of amateurs selling puppies as companions to people whose egos need extending."

'Police must give complaint results'

By Stewart Tessler, Crime Correspondent

THE Police Complaints Authority may press for changes in police regulations to make forces tell complainants details of punishments given to disciplined officers, Brigadier John Pownall, its deputy chairman, said yesterday.

He was speaking after the authority's annual report had complained that the results of disciplinary hearings were shrouded in mystery because the punishment was often secret. He said the report gave a clear recommendation and "it was hoped the police would respond."

Some forces and senior officers believe current regulations prevent them giving details but Brigadier Pownall said the authority did not believe this was so.

General details of punishments were given by the Kent force, for example, after an investigation into rigging of crime figures, he said. Other forces might not give details despite the fact that the results could be blindingly obvious if an officer was demoted or dismissed.

Yesterday it emerged that police reaction may not be uniform. A complainant may not be told but details will be published in weekly force orders or a force will give details of action if asked. A force may not even allow internal publicity but general details might be given on request.

Scotland Yard said it did not announce punishments because of Home Office guidance on police discipline regulations. The rules prohibit a complainant from being present if an officer pleads guilty or where punishment is being considered; this is taken to mean no details of punishment can be released. The Yard believes the regulations would have to be changed.

Mr John Dellow, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers and deputy commissioner, acknowledged yesterday that there may be frustrations with the current practice. He said he would be happy to see the issue debated although publicity might make it more difficult for a punished officer to go back on the streets to work.

He said British police were more honest and freer from corruption than at any time in the service's history but improvements in standards were going unrecognized.

If there was gratuitous violence any "right-thinking senior officer would be foolish to condone it or be complacent about it. We are in an intrusive business and, doing it in a relatively violent society, then violence begets violence," he said.

Duncan Campbell wins £50,000 over portrayal in BBC play

By David Yung

THE BBC is to pay £50,000 libel damages to the journalist Mr Duncan Campbell and will transmit a full apology to him at peak viewing time on Sunday on BBC2 after admitting in the High Court that it had branded him as unreliable and as a transvestite shoplifter in a fictional play.

The BBC apologized in court and also agreed to pay the author and broadcaster's £50,000 legal costs. It is believed to be the first time the BBC has paid damages over a work of fiction which clearly identified and vilified a recognizable person.

Mr Campbell's solicitor Mr Brian Raymond told Mr Justice Michael Davies the film drama *Here is the News* was shown on BBC2 in March last year. Mr Raymond said the central character was an investigative journalist by the name of David Dunhill who "was shown as a compulsive shoplifter, a transvestite fealist, and most significantly as a journalist whose professional negligence betrayed those who had placed their confidence in him".

Despite an opening announcement that the film was a work of fiction, certain

characteristics of the Dunhill character and key events of the plot bore a very close resemblance to Mr Campbell's professional activities. The play was based on the Zircon affair and Mr Campbell was known to have worked on stories about secret government defence plans. In all he claimed there were 17 major resemblances to him.

Mr Newman said although it was accepted that such a depiction was not intended by the BBC, the central character was taken by a number of viewers to be a representation of the personal and professional life of Mr Campbell.

It had caused him "profound distress and professional embarrassment". The BBC, the producer Mr Kenneth Trodd and the writer Mr Gordon Newman expressed their sincere regret and unqualified apologies, that a film with such effects was broadcast, and confirmed that none of the allegations was true about Mr Campbell.

The BBC and Mr Trodd were happy to pay tribute to Mr Campbell's "personal integrity and high professional skills and standards". After the hearing Mr Campbell said: "This play was a colossal, harrowed attack on investigative journalism. Viewers were intended to take it as fact. Its effect was that Gordon Newman was doing the police and the Government's dirty work for them. One play like this has the same value for MIS as several years' official black propaganda."

He said that writers including Harold Pinter and Ian McEwan and the actors Michael Cashedman and Ian McKellen were among more than 100 people who had offered to give evidence in court that the play was an

obvious attempt to portray him. But he was happy to accept the apology and payment of the substantial damages and costs in settlement of the action.

Mr Campbell, associate editor of the *New Statesman* and *Society* magazine, said that in the play "David Dunhill", played by Richard E Grant was identified by many critics, reviewers and viewers as an obvious portrait of himself.

The BBC makeup department acquired pictures of him to help costume the actor, the designer studied pictures of the interior of his flat and the property department ordered a book written by Campbell and a copy of his article in the *New Statesman* which started the Zircon affair. In addition opening scenes were shot in late-night supermarkets where Mr Campbell shops.

Some of the clear references to Mr Campbell were spotted by BBC lawyers before filming started but the BBC drama department ignored their questions and did not change the script. The head of BBC drama and plays, Mr Peter Goodchild, resigned two months after the play was broadcast.



Mr Campbell: Happy to accept apology

All change for London.

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Auditors endorse power for regions over arts funding

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE decision by Mr Richard Luce, the Minister for the Arts, radically to recast public funding of the arts by devolving much of the Arts Council's grant powers to the regions has been approved by the National Audit Office.

However, in its "value for money" review of the Office of Arts and Libraries and the Arts Council, published today, the audit office wants the minister and the Arts Council to do more to redress weaknesses.

The office is an independent research organization answerable only to Parliament. Its report, which is expected to go before the Commons Public Accounts Committee on May 14, examines the management, control and accountability of public arts funding. It was delayed while the minister's own commissioned report on the structure of arts funding, the Wilding Report, was being considered.

To the event, Mr Luce went further than the Wilding recommendations and adopted a plan much more along the lines of the audit office findings, deciding to

trim the Arts Council's responsibility for direct funding, devolving it to new regional arts boards, and to make the regions more accountable to the Arts Council — all audit office recommendations.

The audit office findings, based on 1987-88 figures, were originally made known to the Office of Arts and Libraries in August last year and the report is peppered with notes updating the findings to the minister's announcement last month.

However, while praising "important improvements" and initiatives in hand, the report highlights a number of weaknesses in the system. The funding gap between London and the regions has continued to grow despite a declared policy to redress the imbalance: in 1984-85 London spending was 5.5 times as much as the average regional spending, and by 1987-88 it was 6.3 times greater with London accounting for 49 per cent of the expenditure. The report also notes the contribution of local authorities exceeded council funding by 30 per cent.

Critics of the minister's plans, including Mr Luke Rittner, the former secretary general of the Arts Council, who resigned over the proposals, have been particularly concerned that the "arm's-length principle" of government funding would be endangered. That is also addressed by the audit office examination, which "confirmed the importance of the Office of Arts and Libraries continuing to develop and adapt the reporting arrangements so as to secure to practice the degree of informed oversight they will require, whilst continuing to maintain the appropriate arm's-length relationship on matters of artistic judgement".

The report says that there is wasteful duplication and overlapping of work by the three sets of organizations, and calls for a further critical review of the Arts Council's grant system.

Office of Arts and Libraries: Review of the Arts Council of Great Britain (House of Commons Paper 382; Stationery Office, £6.70)



Beginners learning the skills of game-shooting during a course at Carden Park, west Cheshire, yesterday

Squirrels pose bigger threat than the storms

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

GREY squirrels could prove an even greater threat than storm damage to broadleaved forests if no action is taken soon to curb their numbers, Mr Andrew Christie-Miller, chairman of Timber Growers United Kingdom, the body which represents private sector forestry, said yesterday.

Ninety per cent of productive broadleaved woodland is in private hands. "The problem is now so acute that if we do not quickly organize a proper national squirrel control scheme, then all the new broadleaved forests we are trying so hard to develop throughout the country could be wiped out," he said.

Mr Christie-Miller, who was chairman of the Forest Windblow Action Committee, set up to assess storm damage, said: "We reckon that between 4.5 and 5 million trees were lost to 34 English and Welsh counties, and that figure may under-estimate the position by as much as 10 per cent."

Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, announced £320,000 in extra grants over the next four years to help replace broadleaved trees blown down in the storms. Mr Christie-Miller's committee had asked for £590,000.

Lyceum backed as Royal Opera's temporary home

By Our Arts Correspondent

THE Lyceum Theatre is expected to become the temporary home of the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet, ending an increasingly frantic search for alternative accommodation during the three-year redevelopment of the Royal Opera House.

If the plan is approved £15 million will be spent on restoring the theatre.

After Mr John Harrison, the opera house's technical director and Mr Jeremy Isaacs, general director, met Mr George Walker, chairman of the Brent Walker leisure group, which has a 125-year lease on the theatre, Mr Harrison said: "With a few alterations to the backstage facilities, the Lyceum could prove a feasible proposition for both opera and ballet."

Brent Walker ended months of speculation yesterday by scotching rumours that it intends to sell its interest in the theatre 15 months after the group bought it for just over £8 million. Brent Walker is to

meet the Theatres Trust, which owns the freehold, next week to discuss the proposed refurbishment.

Mr David Tenne, Brent Walker's development director, said: "One of the things we need to discuss further with the Royal Opera House as soon as possible is the technical requirements they would have. The timing is something which we will also need to look at, but we believe it is entirely possible."

Plans to largely rebuild Sadler's Wells Theatre, another possible temporary venue, are expected to be announced in June, and it is understood that the Sadler's Wells management has kept in close touch with Covent Garden.

The Lyceum, only a few yards from the opera house in Wellington Street, could be the perfect site, but it has been closed since before Brent Walker acquired the lease and has been rapidly becoming derelict.

Previously it was leased by Mecca Leisure from the Greater London Council and the freehold passed to the Theatres Trust via the London Residuary Body. Mr Tenne said the leaseholders had been locked in a legal wrangle with Mecca Leisure until four months ago.

"It is only since then that we have been able to work on refurbishment plans," he said. He would not give details but said the intention was to "bring the Lyceum back to the public. It is still a very beautiful theatre."

The Lyceum, once managed by Sir Henry Irving, was built in 1834, with the interior dating from 1904. It has barely been used as a theatre since Sir John Gielgud played his famous Hamlet there in 1939. It was bought that year by the London County Council who planned to demolish it for road-widening.

Ironically, the war prevented its destruction and in 1946 it was let to Mecca. Brent Walker hopes to complete refurbishment by 1993.

The Royal Opera House was due to close in 1993 for a three-year redevelopment, costing £180 million, but because of planning delays this is likely to be put back to 1994. Realistic alternative homes have proved few despite campaigns for a number of theatres.

Architects oppose cut in courses

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

THE standard of British architecture is threatened by government proposals to reduce the length of architectural degree courses in order to save £5 million a year, the Royal Institute of British Architects said yesterday.

Proposals published yesterday by the Department of Education and Science called for five-year training courses for architects to be cut by a year to improve their "effectiveness and relevance".

Students are required to spend a year working in an architectural practice in the middle of their courses. Ministers argue that work experience should follow completion of formal training.

The present pattern has remained unchanged since 1958. Architectural courses are equalled in length only by those for doctors, dentists and veterinary surgeons. However, the RIBA said ministers were prepared to sacrifice standards in order to save money.

Bogus aristocrat is jailed for five years

ERNEST Spencer lived like a lord by posing as a member of the aristocracy. He chose a name for himself from Burke's Peerage — Keith Cavendish-Bentinck, using the family name of the Duke of Portland.

He used false documents to get a £405,000 mortgage from the Nationwide Anglia Building Society to buy a mansion on the Thames at Sonning, Berkshire, and bought £24,000 worth of cattle and £6,500 worth of furniture with worthless cheques. He sent his daughters to Roedean.

In reality Spencer, aged 61, was a £9,000 a year book-keeper from Woking, Nottinghamshire, told Mr Crown Court was told. Mr Guy Boney QC, for the

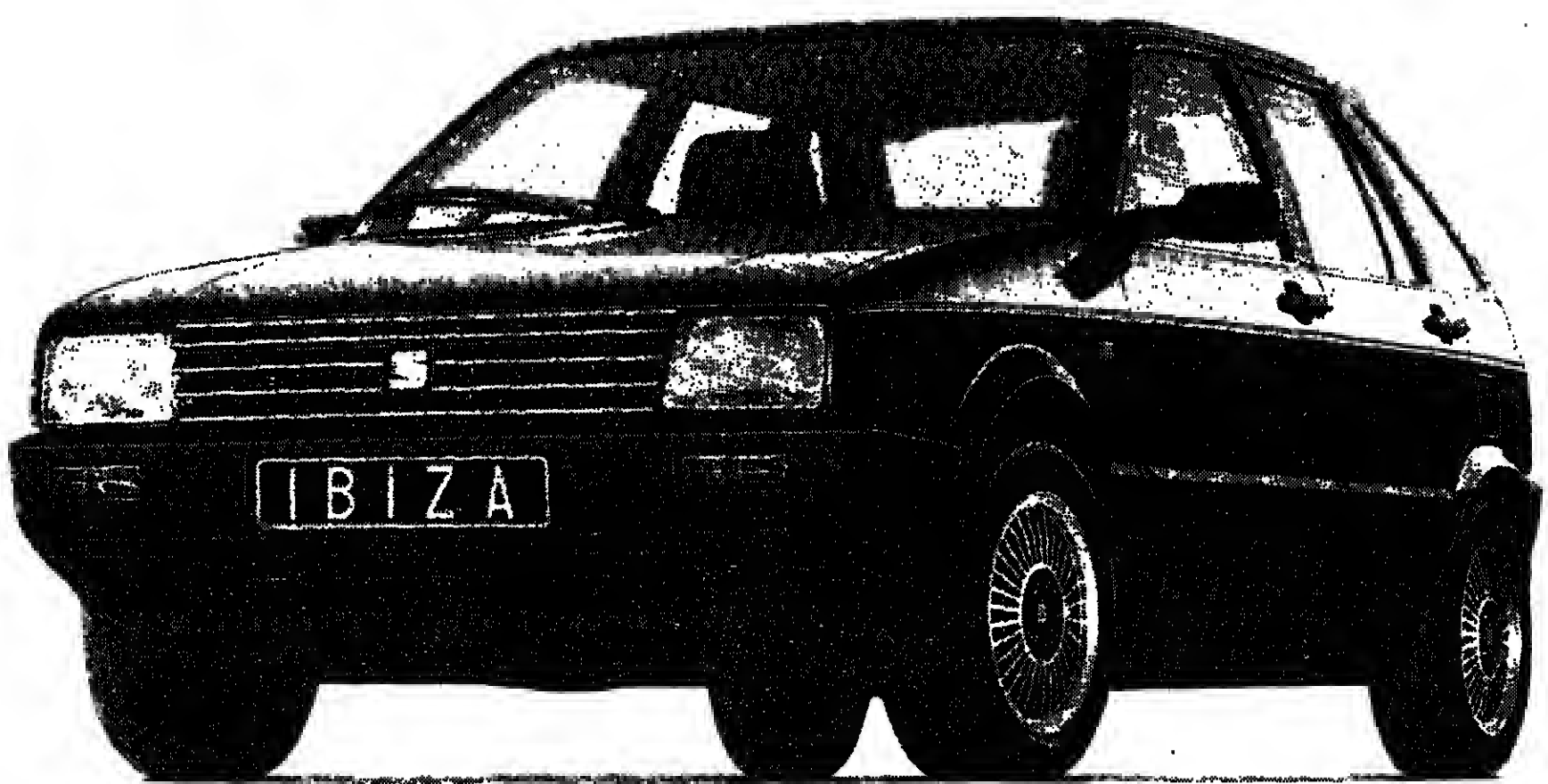
prosecution, began his deception when he returned from the United States in 1988 after spending a year in jail for fraud.

He adopted the name of Cavendish-Bentinck and got a clerical job with a firm called Studio Spares in London. Mr Boney said: "He milked the business of £155,000 by persuading his employer to leave him blank cheques to pay day-to-day bills."

He was caught after five months while on holiday with his employer on the French Riviera when an accountant discovered the fraud. Spencer, who gave his name in court as Ernest Keith-Dewitter-Scott-Spencer, admitted eight charges of deception, theft and fraud. He was jailed for five

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Scientists say underfunding puts UK behind in vital fields

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

THE obscure-sounding sciences of synchrotron radiology and sub-micron chip lithography are unlikely to energize the minds of politicians mindful of the more pressing, vote-sensitive issues of housing, transport, education and the prison system.

Yet, when the political heirs to British governments of the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s gather at the turn of the century to debate the economy, thoughts may turn to the science and technology funding decisions of previous decades. Future governments might regret that seemingly esoteric, or so-called pure, science and technology projects were sacrificed on the altar of tight budgeting, experts say.

Yesterday, the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University published findings indicating that underfunding of science has led to the nation

losing its international reputation in many key disciplines. Fields vital to technological breakthroughs and national prosperity have either disappeared from scientific life or have alarmingly dwindled, the study has found.

According to Professor Connerade, head of the Blackett Laboratory at Imperial College London and a leading physicist, this decline is highlighted in the field of synchrotron radiology — a science that harnesses accelerated particles to engineer tiny circuits on to microchips much smaller than those used in today's electronics. Japan, the US and West Germany in particular are forging forward in synchrotron research, ironically using equipment exported by the Oxford Instruments company.

Yet, according to Professor Connerade, the harsh choices which are necessarily being made by scientists in a nation whose research base is underfunded, has left Britain without any

research in synchrotron science. "I believe a nation that does not invest in this sort of technology would probably not find itself in the field of manufacturing sub-micron chips. Effectively it means getting out of the race in some of the fast electronics of the future."

When compared with European colleges, British scientists were, by 1987, £300 million poorer in spite of an increase in funding of 15 per cent between 1982 and 1987, the study found.

"People ask why British scientists are still being invited to talk at international meetings. This is because we are still ahead in some areas. Yet the breadth of coverage of British science has been lost," Professor Connerade, an expert in lasers, said. "If you are looking for a specialist in the UK in a field which may suddenly become very important in some way, you may now discover he is not there anymore," he said.

According to the study, which analysed

academic output and public expenditure on academic science in six industrialized countries, several key areas of pure UK research are sliding in international excellence. A survey of the contribution UK research made to international journals highlights the slide, with an acute fall in the 1970s persisting until 1984. The report says that "with one of two exceptions there is little evidence that the situation has improved."

Contributions from fields in physics such as particle and nuclear physics, biophysics and applied physics have fallen as have chemistry areas such as chemical and aerospace engineering. Other falls were noted in materials, Earth and planetary science and cardiovascular research.

Mr Ben Martin, one of the report's authors, said they had found a relationship between underfunding and a fall in scientific literature contributions. The exception was computing where, in spite

of a rise in funds since the early 1980s under European Commission programmes such as ESPRIT and Alvey, contributions had still declined. Some experts believe this is because many of the scientists involved have been forced to spend more time promoting the usefulness of such Europe-wide collaborations rather than being left to do research. Mr Martin said that the fall in literature contributions underscored the way pure science in the UK was being left behind.

Dr Denis Noble, professor of physiology at Oxford University and a founder of the pressure group Save British Science (SBS), said the report confirmed the group's fears. SBS has been urging the Government to increase science and technology research funding from 1½ per cent of the national wealth to 2½ per cent, in line with countries such as France and West Germany. Dr Noble said he believed the message was sinking in

among politicians of all persuasions. "We are in discussions with senior politicians. It is our hope now that whoever wins the next election, funding policy will change", he said.

Investing in the Future: An International Comparison of Government Support for Academic and Related Research (John Irvine and Ben Martin; Edward Elgar Publishing, £35) and *Science and Public Policy* (Volume 17, no 1).

Scientists exploring a six-metre-deep snowpit 38 kilometres from the South Pole have found evidence of fallout debris from the Chernobyl nuclear accident, in the Soviet Union in 1986, according to an article in yesterday's issue of *Nature* (Pearce Wright writes). Samples analysed at 5cm intervals provide an annual picture of fallout, covering the past 35 years, that show for the first time that the Southern Hemisphere was affected by weapons testing in the north from 1954 onwards.

EC computer link to help police in drugs trade fight

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Correspondent

PLANS to set up a European drugs intelligence unit to pool information on the burgeoning drugs trade have been launched by the European Community. The decision was taken last weekend at the EC summit in Dublin.

News of the planned unit was given this week to the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. If the unit gets under way it will be the first supra-national police team within the EC and could involve a central base linked by computer.

Britain has voiced support for greater EC co-operation to combat the drugs trade, urging other countries to set up units similar to Britain's national drugs intelligence unit. The unit might link together a system of drugs liaison officers set up in every capital of the EC from the member states. Britain has a number of such officers in Europe and other

countries are also appointing officers to their embassies abroad.

Increased co-operation is already developing, especially in the face of the perceived threat from the South American cocaine producers. A European unit, including both police and Customs officers, could analyse trends, identify trafficking and provide intelligence for government responses to drug problems.

Agreement on the working party was revealed to the select committee by Mr Kevin Heil, a Home Office official, during the committee's first session investigating practical police co-operation in the EC. Home Office evidence also revealed that there is no prospect of any form of wider European co-operation in the shape of something like a European-wide Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr Sidney Norris, a member of the

Home Office's police department, told the committee it would be a remarkable leap to proceed from discussions within Europe on a national criminal investigation unit to an international unit.

Mr Stephen Boys-Smith, from the same department, said the West Germans had raised the idea and drawn no support.

Sir John Woodcock, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary, said that after 1992 a European police council may be formed, drawn from all ranks to discuss police issues and pass views back to governments. Interpol is also forming a European liaison bureau in its new headquarters in Lyons, France.

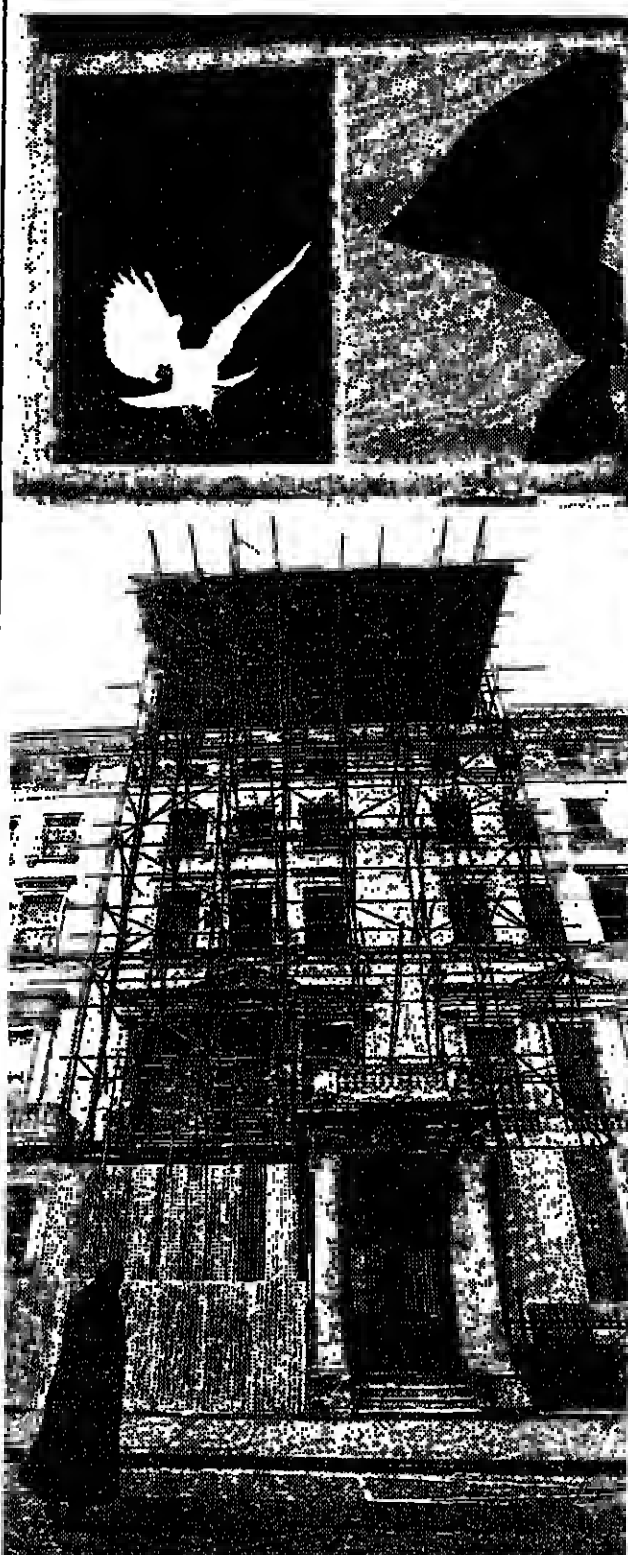
The bureau, which could have up to 20 officers from across Europe, is intended to speed up liaison. Its members would be used to overcome language problems.

Committee members also pressed officials on questions such as the problem of different laws within the EC in areas including firearms and the question of extradition. Several MPs expressed their concern that greater police co-operation could be undone by lack of extradition proceedings and officials were asked to come back with details of how many EC member states have signed a convention on extradition.

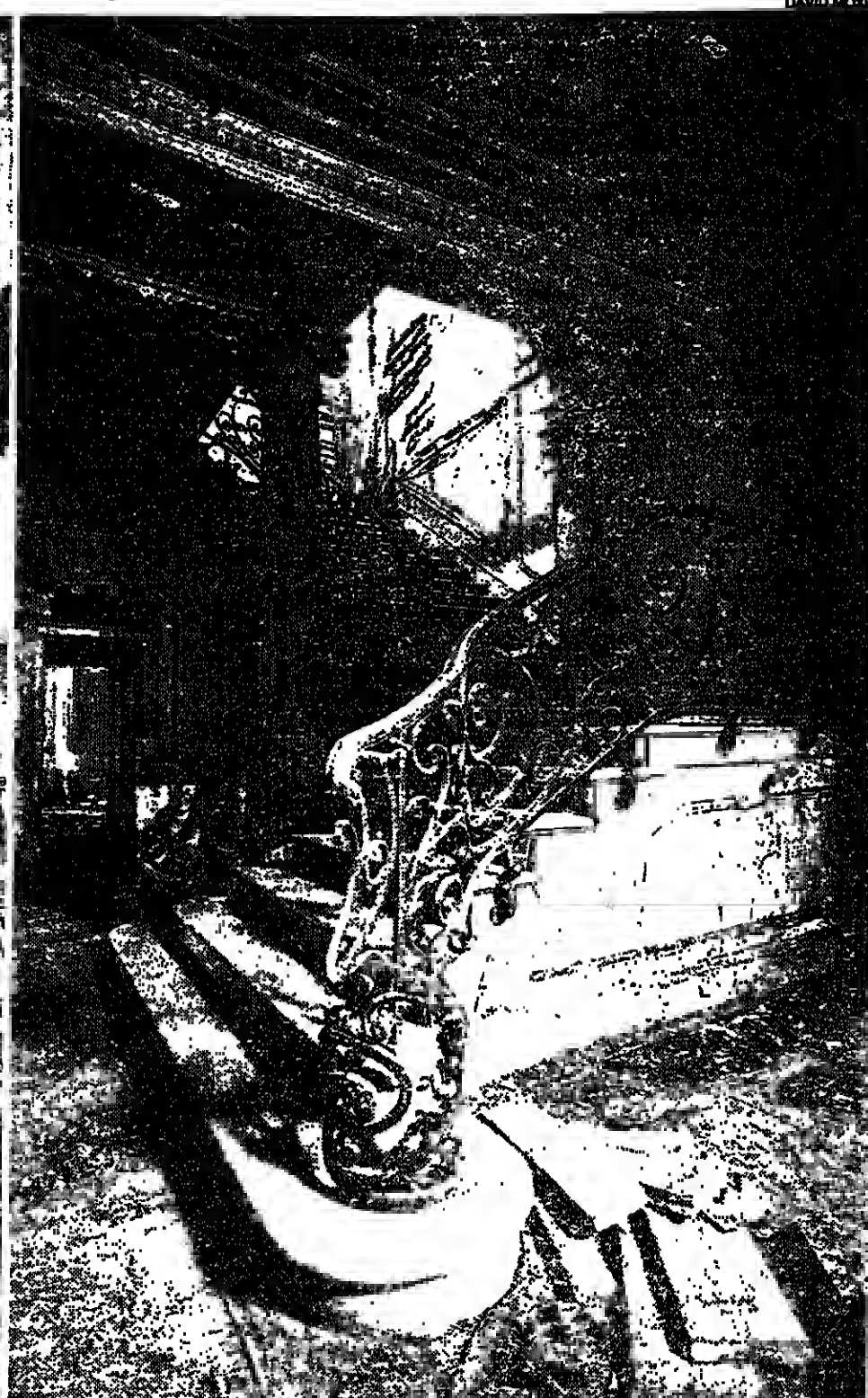
● The Princess of Wales yesterday visited a drug rehabilitation unit faced with closure. She was at Lorne House, Hackney, east London, to be briefed on the centre's financial plight. "It will be a great shame if the project has to close," the Princess, who opened the unit for young people addicted to drugs and drinks a year ago, said.

The unit, run by the drug charity Turning Point, faces closure unless it can raise £80,000. Only three patients are now being treated at the centre, although it can hold 20. North East Thames Regional Health Authority chiefs will decide the fate of the centre next month.

Iranian Embassy could fetch £10m



Ten years on: An Arab woman casting a passing glance at the Iranian Embassy whose exterior is clad in scaffolding and corrugated iron sheeting. The gutted interior, which has remained almost untouched since the siege, is home now only to pigeons



Europe's medicine costs set to rise

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

THE £20 billion a year European drugs bill will increase significantly with a rise in the price of medicines after 1992, according to the findings of two independent studies of the future of the pharmaceutical industry.

Professor Nick Bosanquet, of St Mary's Hospital Medical School, concludes that the pattern of innovation of drugs in the US, which command high prices for three to four years before they face competition from substitutes and the generics, will replace the existing conditions in Europe of lower starting prices that remain stable for seven to 10 years.

Pharmaceutical companies remain the most profitable sector of industry, but Dr Mike Burstall, in a report for the Institute of Economic Affairs, argues that any increase in the regulations

controlling the industry will confine serious innovation to the largest companies and raise barriers to new entrants.

The 3,500 branded medicines available in Europe are all derived from 1,200 physiologically active ingredients. Hence, sales of even the most popular brands account for no more than 1 to 2 per cent of the whole.

More than 90 per cent of the total European drugs bill comes from five countries. Their average consumption a year costs West Germany £93 for each person, France £83, Italy £63, Britain £49 and Spain £32.

1992 and the outlook for pharmaceutical pricing in Europe (Nick Bosanquet, Carden Publications, Chichester, £9.50). 1992 and the regulation of the pharmaceutical industry (IEA, London, £6.95).

Security guard gets life for murder

A NIGHT security guard was jailed for life yesterday for the murder of a "workaholic" British Telecom employee.

Denise Davis, aged 26, who managed a computerized personnel system at British Telecom's office in Shaftesbury Avenue, central London, was still at her desk at 10 pm, the Central Criminal Court was told. She was the only member of staff left in the eight-storey building except for Ronald Ross, a guard.

Ross, aged 22, of Lambeth, south London, sexually attacked and strangled Miss Davis, of Tooting, south-west London, then dragged her body to a basement car park.

He had claimed that Mr Alan Sheldrake, also a guard at the building, carried out the attack last August and "framed" him. Mr Raymond Walker, QC, for Ross, accused Mr Sheldrake in the witness box of being the murderer. Mr Sheldrake, however, who worked during the day, said he was at home with his family.

Mr John Bevan, for the prosecution, said Miss Davis was a "sensible, mature and thoroughly respectable girl". He said: "The reason for her death was that one of her virtues was to prove a dangerous one — she was a very hard and conscientious worker, a workaholic, in fact."

Her body was found the next day after colleagues became concerned at the untidy state of her normally orderly desk and called the police.

Council drops tax bill for dead son

COUNCIL chiefs yesterday agreed to break the law rather than force a father to pay a poll tax bill for his dead son.

Mr Trevor Matthews, a civil engineer aged 31, died from a fractured skull in an accident on April 2. His father, Reginald, was told he would have to pay a poll tax bill of £1.98 for the last two days of Trevor's life.

However, Teignbridge district council in Devon said yesterday: "We will not be asking for this money even though the law says we must."

The decision comes a day after Dudley council in the West Midlands told Mr Cyril Wood, aged 67, he must pay £1.91 in poll tax for his wife, Dorothy, who died on April 3, and was also billed for two days' tax.

Mr Matthews died when he

tripped near the home in Tedburn St Mary he shared with his parents. His father said: "A few days later I got his poll tax bill for £3.54 and rang the council offices to ask about it. The woman was very nice but she said I might have to pay a bill for the last two days of his life because poll tax payments started from April 1. I know the council has to send out the bills because of the law but it seems wrong that I could have to pay a silly little bill for about £2."

The council, however, said: "It would be a sheer nonsense to ask this poor man for poll tax money for his dead son."

"The law and the official line is that we must ask for the money no matter how small the amount. But on practical and humanitarian grounds we will be turning a blind eye to this particular case."

By Christopher Warran

THE Iranian Embassy in Prince's Gate, Belgrave, London, stands a derelict roofless shell almost untouched for a decade, with only pigeons in residence. Once repaired, however, it could be worth £10 million.

The siege at the embassy ended 10 years ago tomorrow, and work is beginning to restore the building.

Two months ago, Britain paid Iran £364,000 under an agreement made in 1988 to carry out the work. The money was the first instalment of a £1.82 million payment, to be made in stages once Iran begins work. In return, Iran agreed to pay £980,000 for repairs to Britain's embassy in Tehran.

After the siege, Westminster City Council erected scaffolding and shored up the building, making annual surveys, and after delicate negotiations through the Foreign Office was paid £200,000 for the work. Once the siege and damage left the building empty, the valuation was reduced to nil, which remains the case.

It is not known if the Iranians will return to the building, or whether they intend to sell the freehold. The building has a prime address, and one estate agent said yesterday that if it was offered for sale "it must be worth at least £7.5 million, perhaps as much as £10 million".

Coin finders share windfall

By John Shaw

A HOARD of 12th century silver coins worth between £40,000-£50,000 which was found by two metal detector enthusiasts, is to be auctioned in London on May 15.

Mr Mervyn Bone and Mr Russell Chamberlain discovered the 482 coins in a farmer's field at Wickwood on the outskirts of Norwich in April last year. After finding an initial 430, Mr Bone notified the Norfolk County archaeological unit. Experts went with him to the site on June 26 when 22 more were found; a further 30 were found on June 31. Some went on show at Christie's office in Norwich yesterday.

They were all declared treasure trove at an inquest last year and the British Museum acquired 158. It will pay the market price for them assessed by an independent tribunal after the auction.

The coins were struck around the time of the civil war between King Stephen and Empress Matilda, daughter of Henry I. They are mainly from mints in East Anglia, one of the principal areas of fighting.

Most were struck at Norwich, the most recent dated

about 1168. "They include the most important collection of pennies from the reign of King Stephen ever found," Mr Richard Bishop, head of Christie's coin department, said.

"There are 24 from Dunwich which confirms its existence as a mint which is very significant because it is a town now lost to the sea. It was originally a Roman settlement which became a Saxon town and the mint indicates how prosperous it must have been continued to be in the Norman period." The coins were

found in the infill of a ditch and there are various theories about how they came to be buried there.

Some are bent over, indicating dedication to a saint in return for a favour such as recovery from an illness. British Museum experts believe, however, that they were buried for safety during a rebellion against Henry II by someone who was later killed. A third possibility is that they were the pay or booty of mercenaries who buried them, but were killed.

The sale proceeds will be divided between Mr Bone, aged 27, a carpenter from Sprowston, Mr Chamberlain, aged 55, an electrician from Spixworth and Mr Alan Goodings, the farmer who gave permission for the expedition.

"It is a dream come true," Mr Chamberlain said. "Everybody thinks of finding a Stephen penny, but we found 480. We were digging them out for four days in the mud and the rain. It was all just a ploughed field when we came along. We found two or three coins near the surface and when we went deeper we found more and more."



Mervyn Bone: treasure buried in a field

Solicitors urge more judges to visit jails

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

JUDGES and magistrates who visit prisons are shown an "anaesthetized version" and do not witness such practices as the disgusting ritual of "slopping out", an association of criminal law solicitors says.

The London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association, which has 350 to 400 members, urges more judges and magistrates to visit prisons and see for themselves the conditions in which prisoners are kept, particularly in the remand prisons. It questions how many judges appointed for more than five years have visited either Strangeways or Pucklechurch in the last year or even five years.

Prison overcrowding, the association says, will be exacerbated by the loss of places as a result of the riots, and the only people who can ensure a reduction in numbers are the judges. If, as a result of visits to prisons on which the true conditions are seen, each court sends one fewer person into custody each month or reduces the length of sentence by even 20 per cent there would be a substantial reduction in the prison population of between 5,000 and 7,000 a year.

The association, whose comments are made in a formal response to the government *White Paper Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public*, goes on to oppose the proposal for abolishing remission for good behaviour in prisons. The fear of losing remission is, for the majority of prisoners, an incentive for them to behave, it says.

The association also says that changes in the parole system are going to result in an increase in the prison population.

Golfer hit by ball loses claim for £15,000 damages

By John Young

A SCOTTISH golfer yesterday lost a claim for £15,000 damages against a fellow player whose ball struck him in the eye.

Mr James Feeney, a coach builder, was playing at the Sandhills golf club in Glasgow in August 1984 when he was felled by a shot by Mr Ian Lyall from the sixth tee. Mr Feeney, who was searching for his ball after hooking it from the ninth tee into the rough, said that Mr Lyall did not shout "Fore" or any other warning.

He told the court that the ball hit him in the left eye, and that a cataract subsequently developed. He could no longer drive and had difficulty in continuing his work. He

maintained that at the time of the accident he was visible to the players on the sixth tee. But Mr Lyall, who plays off a handicap of five, pointed out that as the sixth was a dog-leg there was not a clear view between tee and green.

He was aiming to "bend" his drive round the corner and would have expected to hit it about 280 yards. He did not see Mr Feeney; if he had, he would not have teed off.

Rejecting Mr Feeney's claim at the Court of Session, Edinburgh, Lord Kirkwood said that he was impressed by the evidence of Mr Lyall, whom he described as "a credible and reliable witness". He did not believe that Mr Lyall would have driven off if he had seen the

claimant. He also found it difficult to believe that, if Mr Feeney had been visible from the sixth tee and the ball was heading in his direction, Mr Lyall and his two partners, who were all "very responsible" men, would not have shouted a warning.

Lord Kirkwood said he was less impressed by the evidence of the claimant and his two witnesses, particularly in relation to where he was standing when he was struck. He was satisfied that Mr Feeney was not visible to Mr Lyall when the latter drove off, and that the accident had not been shown to be the fault of Mr Lyall.

Mr Feeney had admitted that he knew there were golfers on the sixth tee, but he did not check to see if

they were preparing to play off. He had assumed they would wait.

The risk of claims from injured fellow players, spectators or passers-by is something that golfers have to bear in mind, and it is possible to insure against them. But they are surprisingly rare; in 1995 a Scottish sheriff rejected a damages claim by a golfer who was struck while playing at Musselburgh, near Edinburgh.

He claimed that the defendant had been playing recklessly but the sheriff ruled it was an accident.

● A golfer thought he had won a £30,000 Jaguar XJS after hitting a hole in one during a pro-am tournament at Hillsborough Golf Club, Sheffield. The car was parked by the sixth and Mr Patrick Hall,

aged 22, professional at Harrogate Golf Club, thought the prize was his when he scored his hole-in-one there. However, after he had been announced as the winner, it was discovered that the car was, in fact, the prize for a hole-in-one on the tenth.

Mr Hall said: "Everyone was convinced I had won the car. Now I feel very let down." His father Derek said: "I don't know who was responsible for the mix-up but it has caused a lot of heartache. All the professionals were convinced the car was a prize on the sixth hole."

The car was donated by Hatfield Ltd, Sheffield Jaguar dealers. A spokesman said it had lapsed out insurance against it being won on the tenth and had documentation,

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MPs join forces for an all-party election broadcast

WITH voting in the local elections taking place throughout the country, Prime Minister's question time in the Commons yesterday turned into an all-party election broadcast.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher blamed high spending Labour councils for the level of the poll tax, while the Leader of the Opposition blamed the Prime Minister. Mr Neil Kinnock said that Conservative councillors deeply resented her attempts to blame them for something that was her fault.

For the Liberal Democrats, Mr Paddy Ashdown raised the issue of the widower charged £1.91 for his wife's poll tax.

Opening the exchanges, Mr Matthew Carrington (Fulham, C) said that the voters of Hammersmith and Fulham, in London, were very grateful to the Government for

charge-capping the council by £99. They were outraged that the Labour council was spending community charge payers' money in taking the Government to court to try to put the community charge back up again.

Would she assure the voters that, if they voted in a Conservative council today, the capping would stay and, tomorrow, each community charge payer would be £99 better off?

Mrs Thatcher replied that Hammersmith and Fulham had been a very high spending council. In 1987-88 it had put up the rates by 127 per cent.

This year, the council had set a charge of £424 and had been capped because its budget was excessive - nearly £300 per adult over the standard spending assessment.

The proposed cap gave a £99 reduction

in the charge. There was cause to be grateful, Labour councils cost more, Conservative councils cost less and gave better services.

Mr Kinnock asked whether the Prime Minister had realized, when deciding on the poll tax, that three times as many people would lose as would gain, all across the country, regardless of which political party had control of the council.

Mrs Thatcher: If that is so, the enemy is not the community charge. It is high spending Labour councils.

Mr Kinnock responded that, by now, the Prime Minister knew that was absolutely not true.

Why did she not heed the words of her fellow Conservatives in places such as Redbridge where the large Conservative majority on the council had passed a

resolution calling on the Government "to desist from misleading the public and accept its own overriding responsibility for the level of community charge".

Why did the Prime Minister not accept the inescapable truth of that statement from her Conservative colleagues and, just for once, come clean?

Mrs Thatcher replied: "Because it is local councils that set the community charge. I trust he does not argue with that. He knows that the top 50 over-spenders are all Labour councils or councils where there is no overall control."

The difference was very well exemplified, she added, by her own local authority (Barney) which, after the safety net, charged £268 and was top in the education stakes; and the Labour authority where Mr Kinnock lived (Ealing) which,

after the safety net, charged £478 and was seventy-fourth in education.

Mr Kinnock: Why does she not realize that councillors of all parties, including her own, deeply resent the way in which she is trying to blame them for what is her fault?

Mrs Thatcher: Labour councillors are expected to take responsibility for the community charges they set. If they cannot take responsibility they should not be there.

People pay more under Labour for poorer services and for spending on things they do not want. Conservative councils cost you less and they provide better services.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, asked whether the Prime Minister had read reports of the Dudley man who had received a bill of £1.91 for poll tax for the last two days of his wife's

life. "This adds shame to the verdict of inefficiency and injustice passed on the poll tax in the ballot box today. How powerful must the vote of protest against the poll tax be before she will listen?"

Mrs Thatcher: I am grateful to Mr Ashdown for raising the action taken at Dudley. Dudley was not under an obligation to collect that sum from the deceased person's estate.

The regulations provided only that sums owing might be recovered in the administration of a person's estate.

The Department of Environment has been advising authorities that where a person died shortly after April 1, they should consider writing off any outstanding amount.

In this case, the cost exceeded the amount of the charge.

We will not deal with terrorists, Thatcher insists

BRITAIN will do no deals with terrorist groups which have taken hostages in the Middle East, Mrs Thatcher made clear to MPs yesterday.

She told the Commons during questions: We very much want to get our hostages out and every day we are trying to do something to that end.

Our embassy staff have remained in Beirut throughout a very dangerous and difficult per-

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iod and one of their main purposes in being there is to try and find out any information they can about any hostages.

We are using diplomatic contacts and pressure. There are certain difficulties, for example, the fact that Iran broke off diplomatic relations with Britain over the Rushdie affair.

We maintain a dialogue with them through the protecting power, which is Sweden, and other contacts we have.

We are in touch with the Americans and, like them, we welcome the role that Iran and Syria have played in securing the freedom of two of the American hostages.

It would be quite wrong if we made deals with those taking hostages and we shall not do that.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has reaffirmed his view that the Government's policy is a sound one and that one should never reward hostage-taking because to do so would encourage more of it.

Her statement was made in response to a question from Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North, C), who had asked for an assurance that every kind of diplomatic pressure was being brought to bear to secure the release of the hostages.

He said that it would be wholly wrong to enter into direct negotiations with terrorists or those sponsoring terrorism.

Mr Roger Gale (Thanet North, C) said that no one cared more than Mrs Thatcher about the plight of the hostages.

"Can she confirm that the only result of giving in to terrorists in the long run is the taking of more hostages and the

only way ahead, in the end, is by quiet diplomacy?"

Mrs Thatcher agreed that giving way to blackmail would lead to the taking of more hostages. The Government did everything possible to secure the release of hostages through diplomatic contacts.

"America has done no deals, but it is through quiet contacts that their hostages have been released."

Later, during questions about forthcoming business, Dr John Cunningham, shadow leader of the House, asked for a statement on the hostage situation next week from Mr Douglas Hurd.

He accepted that they should not be dealing with terrorists, but only today the Archbishop of Canterbury had called for direct dialogue.

Other governments had been more successful in obtaining the release of their citizens and it might be time for reconsideration of policy.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said that he shared the pleasure in the news that Mr Brian Keenan and Mr John McCafferty were both alive and he shared the anxiety for other hostages. He had been concerned for their welfare for many years.

Dr Cunningham would understand the difficulty in making any firm commitment about a statement. There were special factors affecting the British position. For example, as the Prime Minister had said, Iran had broken off diplomatic relations.

"All these matters are under consideration. I cannot actually give him the undertaking which he wants, but I will bring his question to the attention of Mr Hurd."

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Act will be gift to Australia

THE Government took a further step towards granting Australia a wish to have a copy of its "birth certificate" as a gift from the United Kingdom.

The House of Commons passed all stages of the Bill allowing Australia to keep one of two copies of the Australia Constitution Act, 1900, which has been on display in the Canberra Parliament for the past two years.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, Solicitor General, moved the second reading of the Australian Constitution (Public Record Copy) Bill, which makes it possible for the document to be presented as a gift. He said that Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the Commons, would formally present the document to the Australian people when he made an official visit to Australia as Lord President of the Council in the summer.

The document was the property of the Public Record Office

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as part of the United Kingdom's heritage and history and there was no provision for such documents to be given away. It had been lent to Australia in 1988 for the bi-centennial celebrations and since then about two million Australians had had an opportunity of seeing it.

"There can be no doubt of the depth of feeling which lies behind the request to hold a copy of the Act as a permanent gift," he said. "In view of the special situation of the request, including the fact that Australians have become accustomed to easy access to the document, and the personal affections and old ties between our countries, the Government has decided it would be right to offer the document to the Commonwealth of Australia."

Offences 'are antique'

MINISTERS are to examine some criminal offences which Mr Alexander Carlile, Liberal Democrat spokesman on legal affairs, described in the Commons as "antique and arcane".

Mr Carlile said that judges were to some extent inhibited from passing the right sentences for serious and violent offences, many of which had not been changed since about 1861. "Will

the Government introduce a whole new range of offences to deal with homicide and violence, which would enable judges to exercise their discretion more fully?"

Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said that there had been a considerable amount of criminal law reform. "But what Mr Carlile says is well worth considering in the 1990s."

Inquiry plea over plight of haemophiliacs with HIV

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

MRS MARGARET Thatcher was urged yesterday to set up an independent inquiry into the plight of haemophiliacs infected with the HIV virus through contaminated blood received during the course of their treatment.

Mr Alfred Morris, Downing Street asking the disabled, wrote to Downing Street asking the Prime Minister to appoint an inquiry similar to that which helped to settle the long-running Thalidomide dispute. He asked her to establish a inquiry under Sir Anthony Browne, the former ombudsman, to inquire into the dispute over compensation for haemophiliacs.

As Minister for the Disabled in the Labour Government, Mr Morris set up an inquiry under Sir Alan Marre, who had then retired, to look into the Thalidomide case.

About 1,200 people transfused involving after having blood products imported from the contaminated blood products imported from the United States. Of those, 188 have died after set back the date for the conclusion of proceedings very considerably.

to sufferers. It insists that the issue of compensation should be left to the courts.

Mr Morris, however, fears that the legal process is too slow and believes that many of those affected are being forced to spend £20,000 on lawyers' fees. In his letter, he said: "You will know that many of the patients who were infected have already died of Aids and that many others have scant prospect of living to see a court settlement of their claims. Justice for them, if any, will be posthumous."

Sir Anthony's decision would be widely respected and ultimately cheaper for the Government than fighting the compensation claim through the courts, he said.

Mr David Walters, general secretary of the Haemophilia Society, told Mr Morris in a letter that the earliest date expected for the full trial of the issues in the courts was mid-January next year. "It would also be true to say that we suspect that date to be ambitious. It is our very great fear that the defence lawyers could be about to embark on a series of delaying tactics which could set back the date for the conclusion of proceedings very considerably."

Texts fly as Gummer meets his match

THE comment by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, that vegetarianism was an "unnatural practice" and somehow against Bible teaching has drawn a quick response from no less an eminent vegetarian than the Speaker of the Commons, Mr Bernard Weatherill, it was disclosed.

On a point of order in the Commons, Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) asked the Speaker if his attention had been drawn to Mr Gummer's reported remarks, made to an audience at Butchers' Hall in the City on Tuesday.

Mr Banks told Mr Weatherill: "I know that you are the most eminent vegetarian in this House. Was it not fully, even for a minister, to suggest that somehow the Speaker would indulge in any unnatural practice whatever?"

Amid laughter, Mr Banks added: "How do you intend to deal with the minister?"

The Speaker said: "I do not want to get involved in this."

He told the House, however, that he had sent a private letter, the contents of which he could not disclose, to Mr Gummer, "giving him a quotation from Romans which I think should put the matter in its proper perspective."

[Romans xiv, 19-21 reads: "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things whereby one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things



indeed are pure: but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak."

Mr Gummer, who is a mem-

ber of the General Synod of the Church of England, said on Tuesday: "I consider meat to be an essential part of the diet. The Bible tells us that we are masters of the fowls of the air and beasts of the field, and we very properly eat them."

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Plans revised as prison figures drop

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THE prison population of England and Wales had fallen by 3,513 in the year to April, when the figure was 45,948, and that meant revision of projections for the future, Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, told the Commons during question time.

It had been expected that figures would have grown to 57,000 over the next five years, but the encouraging fall would be taken into account in proposals in the Government's White Paper Crime, Justice, and Protecting the Public.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire Moorlands, C) said that for the fall to continue, steps should be taken to prevent people being sent to prison unnecessarily.

Mr Waddington said that one of the central themes of the White Paper would be to ensure that those guilty of less serious offences were not sent to prison, while at the same time ensuring that the courts could impose severe sentences on those guilty of violence.

The White Paper was not a new course, but was building on the success of proposals introduced by the Government during the past eight years. The fact that many young offenders had not been sent to prison last year had contributed to the fall in the prison population.

Mr James Maclean, Liberal Democrat spokesman on home affairs, said that the present overcrowding in prisons and the lack of useful occupation for prisoners was more

conducive to recidivism than reform.

Mr Waddington said that it was important to bend efforts to improve prison regimes. One sadness of the recent rioting was the damage done.

"I agree it is very important to address these problems, but we are confronted with major problems now because of the loss of accommodation as a result of the riots."

Sir John Wheeler (Westminster North, C) said that there was concern about conditions for those who had to be sent to prison, especially those on remand. Staff at Strangeways were anxious to see the remand prison brought back into use as soon as possible.

Mr Waddington said that in the past 12 months there had been a considerable fall in the remand population, but it was a problem the Government would continue to address. When repairs to the structural damage of Strangeways prison had been completed, the various options would be reviewed. He could see the attraction and importance to the staff of bringing at least part of the prison back into use as quickly as possible.

Mr Stuart Randall, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that the Government's prison reform policies were moving with the speed of a tortoise.

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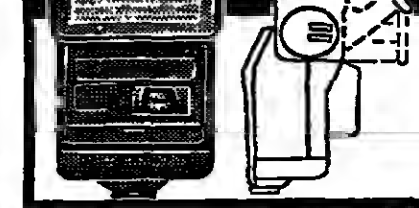
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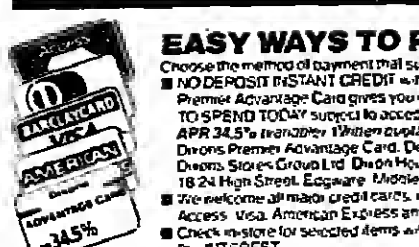


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Implications of Nato's claim of an army challenge to the Kremlin

Troops 'handed arms in warning to Gorbachov'

From Andrew McEwen, Brussels

THE Soviet Army mobilized a division on the outskirts of Moscow in February as a warning to President Gorbachov that it was losing patience with his policies, a Western defence source said yesterday.

The action is understood to have forced Mr Gorbachov to toughen his stand on a wide range of issues and probably explains recent Soviet foot-dragging in three sets of international talks affecting German reunification, conventional forces reductions, and an "open skies" treaty.

An estimated 3,000 troops and 2,000 military cadets were issued with flak jackets, machineguns, and mortars on February 25, according to the source, who said his information came from a Soviet counterpart. They remained in their barracks and military academies, but the President was made aware of what they had done. A few days later, a group of senior officers went to see him and said that they saw "a serious threat to the Motherland".

A high-ranking Soviet officer repeatedly told Mr Gorbachov that the country was on the brink of civil war. It is understood that Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, a former Chief of Staff, was involved and may have been the leader.

No hint of their action emerged until March 16, when President Gorbachov was photographed with senior officers and made remarks more flattering to the military than he had done for some time. The source said he was told that the March 16 incident came about when Mr Gorbachov approached the military for help and support. He was told they would co-operate, but at a price.

The officers, part of the General Command, wanted him to slow down the fast pace he had set for reducing the armed forces, take a tougher line in international forums, and obtain a diplomatic dividend for any concessions he made in international talks. They feared that he was about to allow German reunification to happen, with the possibility that Soviet troops would have to withdraw from East Germany, without getting anything in return.

Although the West was aware of some aspects of the March 16 incident, it did not know about the February 25 mobilization until this week. It took place, according to the source, during a huge demonstration in Moscow which had been organized by the KGB to show support for Mr Gorbachov when he was seeking changes in the Constitution.

The demonstration turned out to be a more mixed affair than the authorities had hoped; although mainly pro-Gorbachov, there were many placards reflecting views with

which the Soviet leadership would disagree.

The mobilization was carried out in such a way that foreign diplomats and observers probably would not have been aware of it. Armouries were opened and weapons issued to the Taman division, one of two divisions stationed just outside Moscow. Weapons were also issued to cadets at a number of military academies around Moscow.

"They were not trying to show who's boss, they were trying to remind Gorbachov that he could not manage without the support of the military," the source said. Their move followed discontent over orders from the President drastically to reduce the entire Soviet war machine, unravelling the military ethos of the previous three decades.

The officers were not against this as such, but wanted it done gradually and to be allowed to withdraw from Eastern Europe with dignity, not in a scramble. President Gorbachov had insisted, against their wishes, that they should meet a timetable he had set for signing a treaty this autumn on conventional forces in Europe. The source said that this was now unlikely, though it was still hoped that the talks in Vienna between the 16 Nato and seven Warsaw Pact nations would eventually produce a treaty.

A further factor behind the discontent of the military was its irritation over what it saw as the excessive reluctance of the Kremlin to use force to quell ethnic fighting in Azerbaijan. The military even-

tually took matters into its own hands last year, and made a political point by unnecessarily mobilizing a division based in Mr Gorbachov's home town.

The source added that the belief that Marshal Akhromeyev was the leader, rather than just a participant, was based on deduction, not on information from the Soviet source. He resigned on principle in December 1988, but remained close to Mr Gorbachov, retained much of his influence, and travelled widely. He has been critical, in western TV programmes, about the danger of the Soviet Union slipping into chaos.

The source also said that General Dmitri Yazov, the Defence Minister, was promoted to marshal shortly after the February 25 incident.

Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, said in Brussels that he was unaware of the incident. Mr Douglas Hurd, the British Foreign Secretary, said he did not want to comment when asked a similar question. However, he added that during a visit to Moscow three weeks ago he noted a deterioration in the system.

"I had the impression that the disintegration of the existing system in Moscow is going quite fast. I don't think this monopoly of power is likely to last many more months."

"Internal problems are piling up on President Gorbachov, but I also had the strong impression of a man... greatly enjoying his ability to overcome them and reveling in his skill in doing so."

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Day of disruption: A line of Soviet militiamen barring the way to demonstrators at the Garden Ring Road in Moscow on February 25



General Yazov: Promoted to marshal



General Moiseyev: A top adviser



Marshal Akhromeyev: An elder statesman

Mobilization a yardstick of deep resentment

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE apparent decision by senior Soviet army chiefs to mobilize a division in the Moscow district in February would have served as a salutary reminder to President Gorbachov of the disaffection within the armed forces caused by his policies and the direct effect they are having on military morale.

Although it was not a conspiracy against Mr Gorbachov, the military high command must have decided to present him with an ultimatum. Western military experts yesterday were uncertain whether he had been asked to approve mobilization of one division, or whether action had been taken without his prior approval. Mr Gorbachov is the Supreme Commander-in-Chief and in normal circumstances he has to authorize any mobilization.

The military action must have involved all the key figures in the Soviet high command, including General Mikhail Moiseyev, Chief of the Soviet General Staff, and Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, his predecessor who is now Mr Gorbachov's

military adviser. "Marshal Akhromeyev is looked on as the elder statesman in the high command and a lot of people have been crying on his shoulder about all the concerns in the armed forces," said Mr Richard Wolf, an authority on the Soviet military high command.

Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the Defence Minister, must also have been

privy to what was going on, Mr Wolf said. The fact that Mr Gorbachov recently promoted him from general to marshal underlines the role he may have played. The promotion was clearly a statement from Mr Gorbachov that his defence minister was in control of the military, and that his elevation was a recognition of the continuing importance of the military in Soviet society.

Uzbek football riot

Moscow AT LEAST 34 people were injured when youths rioted in Andizhan after a visiting soccer team failed to turn up for a match in the Uzbekistan city, Tass reported yesterday.

Gangs of youths rampaged through the city in Soviet Central Asia, burning down or vandalizing more than 200 shops, homes and official buildings, including the prosecutor's office and Communist Party headquarters, the official news

agency said. The independent Postfactum news agency said the gang, armed with automatic weapons, were prevented from taking over the local branch of the state bank only when three armoured personnel carriers were moved in front of the building.

Tass denied reports that several people had died, "but according to a preliminary count, 13 Interior Ministry troops, 10 policemen and 11 civilians were injured". (Reuters)

Resentment within the military against Mr Gorbachov has been building up for some time. While his defence cuts and arms control policies have been supported in principle, the impact on the structure and status of the military has had a progressively demoralizing effect on personnel.

General Moiseyev, who was appointed Chief of the General Staff at the age of 49 in December 1988 — ahead of more senior rivals — has been a firm supporter of Mr Gorbachov. But in recent months there appears to have been a change of mind over the way the various arms control talks have been developing. The Soviet military press has been filled with articles by disillusioned officers who feel that Moscow has granted too many concessions to the West.

The Soviet military, it appears, began demanding action from Mr Gorbachov in a number of areas: it wanted a tougher stance on Lithuania and the Baltic States; guarantees

that the thousands of officers, demobilized following the withdrawal of forces from Eastern Europe, would be properly looked after; and, a review of the arms control negotiations and defence cuts.

In the eyes of the military, these three issues involved the very future of the Soviet Union, the status of the armed forces, and the country's defence posture. With these key areas looking vulnerable, it must have been decided that Mr Gorbachov would have to be given a demonstration of military muscle to encourage him to take on board its misgivings.

The success of the military's tactic became evident to the West early in March when the atmosphere at the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna changed dramatically. New problems were introduced. Verbal agreements already reached between Moscow and Washington in mid-February on the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) were suddenly thrown out by the Soviet sides.

Armenia follows Vilnius

Moscow

THE parliament of Soviet Armenia voted yesterday to follow the example of rebel Lithuania and suspend the spring draft of young people into the Soviet armed forces, the unofficial news agency Interfax said.

The move, which looked certain to anger the Kremlin, was made at a session of the Supreme Soviet which also demanded the guaranteeing of links between the republic and the disputed Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in the Armenian capital Yerevan this week to urge the parliament to take moves to further assert its independence from Moscow. Young Armenians complain of discrimination and intimidation while serving in the Soviet Army. (Reuters)

Chance for Mitterrand clarification on Nato

By Philip Jacobson

ON THE eve of his tenth year in power, President Mitterrand arrives in Britain today for a four-hour meeting at which he and Mrs Thatcher will probably find it easiest to agree about what divides them.

None the less, there appears to be some scope for positive discussions on the prickly issue of France's relationship with Nato. Until quite recently, the Anglo-French battle lines over the alliance have been more or less unchanging: every time London let it be known that it was high time for the French to shoulder their share of the burden of the defence of Western Europe, a crisp response from Paris ruled out any possibility of its rejoining Nato's integrated military command.

The more Mrs Thatcher fumed — echoed, on occasion, by word from Washington that the French were not "doing enough" for the Atlantic alliance — the more obdurate the Government in Paris became, the underlying rationale that had led General de Gaulle to pull the country out of the command structure almost a quarter of a century ago was unchanged, it maintained.

About a year ago, Mitterrand indicated that it was quite pointless for France's allies to speculate about how, rather than if, the prodigal might finally return to the organization in its existing form. That, however, was before the face of Europe began changing at such extraordinary speed and, above all, before the reunification of Germany was thrust to the top of the agenda in France. Mitterrand seemed finally to

be convinced that it was time to start making signals that France, with its unswerving strategy of "anchoring" the Germans in the Western alliance, was ready to consider closer involvement with Nato as the centrepiece of a new defence equation.

With his usual flair for the big occasion, Mitterrand decided to signal France's change of heart at his summit meeting with President Bush in Florida last month. Without committing himself to anything concrete, he declared French support for "a common exercise of reflection" about adapting the Atlantic alliance to cope with the challenge of change in Europe, and for retaining a Nato structure that preserved strong US ties and incorporated a unified Germany.

The Bush Administration could barely conceal its de-

light at these signals from France: there was fulsome public praise for the flexibility and broad vision newly evident in Paris. In private, US officials explained Mitterrand's "adjustment" as a clear reflection of French concern about loss of influence in Western Europe as and when a reunified Germany emerged.

Reluctant but, as ever, pragmatic, France had accepted that a potent US military presence was required to help produce a new equilibrium — and that meant retaining a central role for Nato. Mitterrand's continuing hostility towards developing a wider sphere of influence for the organization beyond Europe was duly registered, in the form of his call for the emergence of "complementary" institutions, with an expanded role for the European Community in maintaining its defences.

Exactly how these subtle but significant changes might affect today's encounter remains to be seen. France's enthusiasm for bilateral defence agreements with Germany — bolstered by the Franco-German understanding announced at the end of April — is by now a fact of life in the everyday politics of Europe.

The continued existence of the forward defence and flexible response doctrine embraced by Nato is being rapidly undermined by developments: European governments may eventually be forced to reappraise comforting old assumptions involving the US military presence. The French, at least, seem to have adjusted their sights accordingly.



M Mitterrand: Evolving policy on the alliance

Top Nazi returns to face trial

Bonn — Herr Josef Schwammberger, aged 78 and frail, but still listed as one of the 10 most-wanted Nazi war criminals, arrived in Stuttgart yesterday to stand trial after losing a long battle against extradition from Argentina (Ian Murray writes).

According to the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, he personally killed more than 2,000 Jews and was responsible for the deaths of 3,000 others while commanding labour camps in Poland in 1943 and 1944.

KGB 'clears' Norwegian spy

Oslo — An interview with General Gennadi Titov, of the KGB, in the Norwegian Labour Party newspaper, *Arbeiderbladet*, suggests that Arne Treholt, Norway's most famous spy, was innocent (A Correspondent writes).

General Titov, alleged to be Treholt's controller, said there had been nothing irregular about his relationship with the Norwegian, and matters of national or Nato security were never discussed.

Death of Russian Patriarch at 79

Moscow — Patriarch Pimen, who, as head of the Russian Orthodox Church, led tens of millions of believers in the officially atheist Soviet Union, died yesterday at the age of 79. Tass reported.

In 1988, the year of the Church's millennium, the Patriarch praised President Gorbachov's efforts on behalf of religion. (AP)

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Romania sliding into anarchy

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

LESS than three weeks before the first free elections in more than 50 years, Romania is slipping into a state of anarchy and potential confrontation which observers fear the untried and chaotic electoral process will be unable to halt.

For the 12th successive day yesterday, thousands of anti-government protesters continued illegally to occupy a barricaded, self-proclaimed "anti-communist zone" in the heart of Bucharest, blocking the city's main eight-lane boulevard and defying the security forces to intervene.

The protesters, whose numbers rise to 15,000 during the peak after-dinner hours and drop to a hard core of 200 overnight, are demanding the implementation of a declaration to prevent former leading members of the defunct Communist Party from standing for office on May 20.

Hardest hit would be the favourite in the race for President, Mr Ion Iliescu, the interim President and leader of the ruling National Salvation Front, whose portrait alongside that of the late dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, flaps above the barricaded square over a damning caption: "Friends."

Mr Iliescu, a student friend of President Gorbachov has dismissed the protesters as *golani* or "riff-raff", and declared that they can "slew in their own juice". Cries denouncing him and his communist past now echo through Bucharest night and day, and after dark protesters carrying flickering torches watch a home-made video projected on a large screen depicting him as a puppet of the Kremlin.

Some demonstrators speak of the chance of civil war if, as

expected, the NSF wins the election. The emotion of the protest is increased because it is happening on the spot where many protesters were shot and killed while fighting to overthrow the Communist dictatorship.

A handful of the protesters are in the fifth day of a hunger strike. Pale and weak-looking, they sit under blankets in a roped off corner of the zone under a bust of Karl Marx mockingly inscribed: "Workers of the world, unite!"

Next to them, hundreds of Romanians of all social classes queued with their identity cards to sign a petition supporting the demand that members of the old Communist Party *nomenklatura* not be allowed to stand as

candidates. The situation has become so serious that seven of the 73 parties whose candidates will appear on ballot sheets have appealed to Mr Iliescu for an emergency session of the provisional parliament to be convened today. In a letter, the opposition parties claimed that the "daily aggravation of the internal situation" made it obvious that Romania was plunging into a new crisis. The letter warned that an extraordinary session of the Provisional Council for National Unity was needed to avoid a confrontation "which may again degenerate into bloody events".

The letter, signed among others by the right-wing National Peasant Party, one of

three main rivals to the NSF, came shortly after an attack on the wife of its presidential candidate, Mr Ion Ratiu, aged 72. British-born Mrs Elisabeta Ratiu was set upon by inmates and staff from the psychiatric wing of a large Bucharest hospital. The attackers, some wielding iron bars, smashed the windows of her car and screamed obscenities.

● Trial date: Officials in Romania announced yesterday that the televised trial of the late Nicolae Ceausescu's youngest son and chosen heir, Nicu, will open in the Transylvanian town of Sibiu on May 26, on charges of genocide and not observing arms regulations, which carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Bonn rules out neutrality

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

PRESIDENT von Weizsäcker of West Germany yesterday ruled out any possibility of neutrality for a united Germany and set out some of the measures needed to guarantee security in Europe. The speech, delivered in the Jahnna Palace outside Warsaw, was intended to soothe Polish anxieties about the military status and ambitions of a unified Germany.

The Poles, unlike the Soviet Union, want Germany to stay in Nato. Various ideas have circulated in the Polish military establishment, including joint Polish-German brigades to be stationed in the Eastern part of Germany after the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

However, the most realistic option for the Poles remains German membership of Nato,

provided that this does not make the Oder-Neisse line a conventional, heavily armed "frontline" between the military alliances. Herr von Weizsäcker said: "We should be aiming now not for neutrality in the centre (of Europe), but for co-operation between the alliances."

There should be a verification centre monitoring disarmament in Europe; a permanent council of foreign and defence ministers from both alliances; regular consultation between the chiefs of general staff of Nato and the Warsaw Pact; and strict time limits set on the foreign troops stationed in East and West.

The existing alliances still have an irreplaceable function to fill in providing an ordered transition from the Cold War

of the past to a peaceful Europe of the future," he said.

Warsaw has been pushing for a say in the security and military composition of Germany, arguing that this was vital to its national survival. Poland is already guaranteed a temporary seat at the "two plus four" negotiations when the Polish-German border is discussed.

But the allies are not keen to see Poland extend its participation further. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, was at best non-committal when told of the Polish demand in Warsaw on Monday. The Soviet Union, despite some signs of movement, still wants a neutral Germany and does not need Poland at the negotiating table to plead for Nato.

Rafsanjani parries radical barbs with criticism of Bush

From Juan Carlos Garmucio, west Beirut

IN A strong attack that suggested Iran may abandon its efforts on behalf of foreign hostages, President Rafsanjani yesterday criticized Washington's reaction to Tehran's role in solving the crisis, as a Hizbollah leader in Lebanon warned that Britain should do more if it wants to see Mr Terry Waite and three other captives free.

The Iranian leader accused the Bush Administration of behaving like "a stubborn child full of complexes" by refusing to demonstrate goodwill in return for the recent release of the two American hostages, Mr Robert Poillat and Mr Frank Herbert Reed.

Although President Bush has thanked Iran for exerting its influence over the abductors, he has emphasized that diplomatic relations are out of the question while six other Americans remain hostage.

Resentment in Tehran is likely to have been aggravated by the publication, hours after the release of Mr Reed, of a US State Department report which included Iran among countries whose governments sponsor terrorism.

In a clear attempt to defuse growing criticism from rival

radical factions in Iran, President Rafsanjani denied that Tehran is seeking to restore diplomatic relations with Washington. Addressing a meeting of teachers in Tehran, he asked the US Administration: "Has Iran asked you to re-establish ties that you are now saying this?"

He also appeared to rule out all prospects of reconciliation after 11 years of hostility when he declared: "Over the past 10 years our people, the Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini), officials and Parliament have said, and now our respected leader (Ayatollah Ali Khamenei) says: 'We do not want to talk to you'."

Linking the question of the hostages to the issue of diplomatic relations and eventual economic co-operation, he said, was wrong and reflected part of "an ominous propaganda campaign" orchestrated by the US. Iran's decision to help free the hostages has been widely regarded as a stratagem to promote co-operation with the West in an attempt to tackle Tehran's dangerous economic problems.

But the President dismissed this theory, saying that Iran has received so many foreign

offers for development projects in its five-year plan that it would have to put them out to tender. His words are obviously aimed at pleasing hardliners in Tehran, who have been denouncing Rafsanjani's overtures to the West as signs of capitulation and revolutionary deviation.

He seemed equally calculating when he justified the demands of Lebanese kidnappers by making a subtle rationalization of hostage-taking, a practice that he described as "an ugly phenomenon" — and which, he said, was started not by Iran, but by the right-wing Phalangist militia in Lebanon.

He was referring to the abduction — and possible murder — of three Iranian diplomats and a press photographer, kidnapped, along with their Lebanese driver, by gunmen of the "Lebanese forces" in July 1982. Their fate remains a mystery and the fact that the case never provoked international condemnation, nor caused uproar comparable to the cases of the Westerners abducted in Lebanon, is a long-standing complaint on Tehran's part.

President Rafsanjani specifically denounced Israel for "taking 400 Shia militants and more than 1,000 Palestinians and calling them prisoners, rather than hostages". Among them is Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, a Shia Muslim cleric kidnapped by Israeli commandos who raided his home in southern Lebanon last July.

The Iranian leader said that the release of Mr Poillat and Mr Reed had been an "entirely independent" decision of their abductors. But he admitted that Tehran exerted influence to win their freedom.

The release of the Americans, he said, was made at Iran's suggestion. "They could have rejected our advice. But they accepted our advice. Someone had to take a step to solve this problem and it would have been proper for a big power like the United States to take the initiative, but it fell on the Lebanese Mujahideen."

Meanwhile, Mr Hossein Mousawi, a senior Hezbollah leader, warned Britain yesterday it should do more to obtain the release of British hostages in Lebanon.

"We heard that hostage Frank Reed said he saw some British hostages... this is a message from the kidnappers to Britain that its hostages are alive and that Britain should do something similar to what the Americans and the French did to liberate their hostages," Mr Mousawi said.

"If Britain knows how to act, it could then obtain the release of its hostages," he said. Pro-Iranian militants are believed to be holding some 15 more Westerners. Mr Mousawi repeated Hezbollah denials that it was involved.



Guard cat: Jubal, a six-month-old cub, is one of several lions joining traditional guard dogs in São Paulo, Brazil, to increase security there. Mr Alberto Lasvardi, left, a horse breeder, is among those to put the animals to work

French tighten law on racism

From Susan MacDonald Paris

THE question of racism appears to be one of the only subjects in France these days that can arouse real parliamentary and press interest.

Not for a long time has a Bill passing through the National Assembly created such debate as the one passed early yesterday morning to strengthen previous anti-racist laws. M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, was presented with another golden opportunity to make the front pages of the national press.

Mme Marie-France Stirbois, the lone National Front deputy, under the watchful eye of her leader sitting in the gallery, kept 20 or so fellow deputies up all night with her hocking tactics, but the Communist-proposed Bill was passed by 307 votes to 265. Only the ruling Socialists and the Communists voted for the Bill although it had been hoped it would have had cross-party backing.

The Bill aspired only to be more severe than existing laws in punishing "all racist, anti-semitic or xenophobic acts". However, it angered the right-wing parties because it was introduced by the Communists, embarrassed the Socialists for the same reason and drew the full fury of M Le Pen who said it was aimed not at racism, but at the National Front and himself. In a May Day National Front parade, M Le Pen said the new law would drive people to commit illegal acts.

M Pierre Mauroy, the Socialist Party secretary and former Prime Minister, said the several-thousand strong National Front march had recalled the "sombre days of the Vichy Government".

Speaking in parliament during the debate, M Michel Rocard, the Prime Minister, called M Le Pen's remarks "deceitful and odious". The Bill, he said, was not designed "to drive people outside the law, but to sanction more severely those who were outside it".

The Bill is an acknowledgement that the law must be tightened up in the face of increased racial violence in France. People guilty of discrimination or incitement to racial hatred or violence can be imprisoned or fined under a 1972 law which is seldom applied.

The new Bill states that those found guilty will also be barred from standing for public office or from state employment. In addition, it becomes a crime to contest the existence of Nazi gas chambers during the Second World War. This has been a recurrent theme in France. M Le Pen in the past has called them a mere detail of the war and these have been published denying their existence.

The issue was back in the spotlight yesterday after M Michel Noir, the Mayor of Lyons, threatened to withhold permission to enlarge Lyons University if Professor Bernard Notin continued to teach there. Prof Notin caused an outcry in February when he published an article casting doubt on the existence of the gas chambers.

In the face of the university's reluctance to take action against the professor, M Noir said that he had never imagined "that in Lyons, in Jean Moulin University — a symbol of the Resistance — a handful of so-called academics would dedicate their researches to the negation and falsifying of history".

His words followed the day of remembrance last Sunday dedicated to those thousands of people in France deported by the French authorities to Nazi concentration camps.

M Bruno Megret, the deputy National Front leader, said that the French should not take sordid pleasure in recalling sombre periods in their history. "It would do better to remember the glorious periods," he said.

Arabs row over summit venue

From Mike Theodorou, Nicosia

INTENSIVE diplomatic efforts were under way in the Middle East yesterday to persuade rival Arab leaders to put aside their differences so that an emergency summit could be convened on the influx of Soviet Jews into Israel and perceived Western threats against Iraq.

However, President Assad of Syria announced he would not attend if the summit were hosted by his Arab arch-enemy, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who called the summit, proposed Baghdad as a gesture of support for Iraq in its recent row with the West. Mr Arafat is trying to rush it through before the superpower summit on May 30.

Referring to the rift between Syria and Iraq, President Mubarak of Egypt said: "We are trying to bring the two leaders to good terms with each other. But this needs time." He was speaking at the end of an historic two-day visit to Damascus, the first by an Egyptian leader in nearly 13 years.

President Mubarak has not yet backed the summit call. President Assad, however, did not rule out attending a summit on Arab unity, implying that he would attend if it were

held in a neutral Arab capital. Diplomats said Cairo would be the most likely venue.

There were indications, however, that long-standing inter-Arab disputes were being papered over because of fears that events in Eastern Europe — traditionally an ally of many Arab regimes — are rapidly strengthening Israel's position. Yesterday, Bulgaria became the latest country to renew diplomatic ties with Israel, joining Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

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Brazilians bomb illicit airstrips

Rio de Janeiro — The Brazilian Government has started dynamiting airstrips illegally built by gold miners on Yanomami Indian territory in the north-western Amazon (Louise Byrne writes).

The first crudely-made airstrip was blown up on Wednesday. At least 70 are to be destroyed in the next two months.

About 1,500 Indians are thought to have died in the past two years from diseases brought into the area by more than 40,000 gold miners. Efforts by the former Government of President Sarney to remove the miners in January this year failed.

Art record

New York — A self-portrait by Mexican painter Frida Kahlo showing her anguish over the philandering of her husband, artist Diego Rivera, sold for \$1.43 million (£872,000) at an auction, setting a record for Latin American art. (AP)

Third murder

Brescia, Italy — A candidate in local elections this weekend was shot dead in southern Italy yesterday in the third murder involving local politicians in a week. The bullet-riddled body of Antonio Stellano, aged 31, was found in a field. (Reuter)

Rebel success

Nairobi — Tigre rebels have beaten back an advance by Ethiopian government forces in Shoa Province, in which Addis Ababa, the capital, is situated, killing more than 500 government troops, rebel radio said. (AFP)

Killer tigers

Dhaka — Bengal tigers killed five people in the Sundarbans tidal forest of southern Bangladesh over the past two days. (Reuter)

Catholic call

Warsaw — The Roman Catholic Church in Poland has called for the return of religious education, which was abolished under communist rule. (AFP)

Prison feast

Sydney — Inmates at Bathurst jail, tired of prison food, ordered pizzas from Pizza Hut when wardens staged a one-day strike.

Mbeki buoyant after talks with de Klerk

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

PRELIMINARY peace talks in South Africa have started on a positive note, and the African National Congress is already looking ahead to broader negotiations on creating a post-apartheid society.

Mr Thabo Mbeki, the ANC director of foreign affairs, was remarkably buoyant yesterday in assessing the mood of the first round of discussions with the Government on Wednesday, and in projecting future moves.

"I sensed at the meeting that we were all of us a bit surprised at how foolish all of us have been. Within a matter of minutes, everybody understood that there was nobody in the room who had horns."

"I think everybody understood that this discussion ought to have taken place many years ago, and that we have people in that room who are perfectly reasonable, and who are all committed to finding solutions. When we parted, I think the general feeling was that not only is movement forward necessary, it is possible."

Addressing the Cape Town Press Club, Mr Mbeki created a favourable impression in what was his first public speech since returning from exile on Friday. Aged 47, the English-educated son of Mr Govan Mbeki, the former

ANC chairman, his judicious remarks strengthened his credentials as a potential successor to Mr Nelson Mandela as effective leader of the organization.

He declined to disclose details of the talks, on removing obstacles to a wider forum on power-sharing, but prefaced his speech with the assumption that they will succeed. The next stage, he said, should be for all political forces to determine who should draw up a new constitution. This would be done by an elected constituent assembly, similar to that instituted in Namibia, with the process being supervised by an interim government.

"We do not regard ourselves as the sole and authentic representative of the oppressed people in South Africa. The ANC recognizes there are many other forces involved in the struggle against apartheid, and that those forces ought to be involved in any process of shaping the future of our country." That said, Mr Mbeki envisaged essentially two formations at the negotiating table — one advocating a unitary, non-racial democracy, and the other favouring reforms based on (racial) group rights.

He left no doubt as to which

side should be reserved for Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of the Kwa-Zulu tribal homeland, whose followers are locked in a numerous conflict with ANC supporters in Natal townships.

"I would assume that people who claim to be the leaders of seven million Zulus would sit next to President de Klerk. In the end, what we propose is that the best way of deciding who sits at the table should be referred to the people. Clearly it would not be acceptable for the ANC and the Government alone to draw up a new constitution."

"It is our view that at a certain stage there would need to be an interim government that would enjoy the confidence of all political forces, to implement what has been agreed. The fact of the matter is that the present Government is a party to the conflict."

Tempering optimism with realism, Mr Mbeki said the country was going through exciting but dangerous times. "We are indeed entering a period of change, but it is not going to be easy." The greatest danger arose from fear of change among the whites, and particularly from extremists.

Recalling guerrilla attacks against the ANC headquarters in exile in Lusaka, he said: "We were visited by people who believe they have almost a divine mission to destroy the ANC. That is the principal danger to this process of change."

The three days of discussions are scheduled to conclude today, and it is anticipated there will be agreement to resume them later.



Mr Mbeki: "How foolish all of us have been"

Mandela intervenes in hospital strikes

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

URGENT talks were held yesterday between President de Klerk of South Africa and Mr Nelson Mandela, vice-president of the African National Congress, on strikes by black non-medical workers crippling big hospitals.

In Soweto, strikers at the Baragwanath hospital were told by Mrs Winnie Mandela that her husband had agreed to intervene. Union officials flew to Cape Town for talks with the Minister of Health, and a statement issued later by President de Klerk's office said that he and Mr Mandela agreed that the situation was detrimental to public health and that it was imperative that medical services be restored as soon as possible. The strikes,

which began at Baragwanath, had spread yesterday to at least a dozen other institutions.

At Middleburg in the Eastern Transvaal, police charged about 300 strikers at the provincial hospital, the National Education and Health Workers' Union claimed. It was officially confirmed that about 1,800 staff were on strike at the H. F. Verwoerd hospital in Pretoria, the capital's main hospital, which has 821 beds for whites and 226 for non-whites.

A union official said that they were demanding a 550-rand (£130) a month minimum wage, compared with the current minimum of 230 rand.

Peace activists protest over Jewish rituals on West Bank

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

SOME 20 left-wing Israeli activists from the Peace Now organization yesterday defied roadblocks and a strict curfew in the West Bank town of Nablus to demonstrate against the presence of several right-wing MPs at a controversial ceremony held by students from a Jewish yeshiva (seminary) at Joseph's Tomb.

The tomb is a site holy to both Jews and Muslims, and security officials feared that the ceremony, involving the dedication of a new Torah scroll, would be a flashpoint for Arab-Jewish violence at a time when Palestinians fear that the Government of Mr Yitzhak Shamir is engaging in a high-speed programme of settlement building on the

occupied West Bank. The yeshiva students in Nablus, some of whom are regarded as militantly anti-Arab, were supported yesterday by Mr Ariel Sharon, the burly former general who hopes to become Defence Minister if Mr Shamir succeeds in forming a right-wing government in the next few weeks. The Army imposed a curfew on the area.

The 30 students at the Nablus seminary are obliged to return to settlements outside the town each evening to avoid violent confrontations with Palestinian residents. Local Arabs said that they feared the presentation of the new scroll marked the beginning of the expansion of the seminary into a Jewish settlement.

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ment in the heart of Nablus, the largest Arab town on the West Bank and the nerve centre of the intifada, or Arab uprising.

A Palestinian from Nablus, writing yesterday in the Israeli daily *Hadashot* under a pseudonym, said: "The Jews began with a Torah scroll, and before you know it if you don't watch closely, suddenly there is a new settlement."

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very serious," Dr Bruce Middleton, head of the Australian Space Office coordinating the project, said yesterday.

He said the Government was determined to secure a place in the lucrative satellite launch business, which it estimates will earn \$A100 million (£43.4 million) a year, with or without US help.

Talks are under way with British Aerospace and the West German company, Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm. Dr Middleton, who has established close contacts with the Soviet space industry, says that next month will be crucial for Essington Developments, which is based in Sydney and which is behind the privately funded Cape York Space Agency.

On June 18, a top-ranking official from Glavkosmos is to visit Australia to advance the Zenit rocket deal and also to discuss the contentious Soviet bid to manage the space port. Essington sources complain the Australian Government would not even entertain the idea of Soviet management, but it might yet change its mind.

On June 1, the US National Space Council, headed by Vice-President Dan Quayle, will report on the issue of US technology transfer. All the space port participants are hoping he will favourably influence Mr Bush when it comes to considering United Technologies Corporation's application to manage Cape York, and to permit the export of US satellites for launch in Australia.

Australia is a member of Cocom, the co-ordinating committee controlling East-

West trade, and as America's most loyal friend and ally in the Pacific would not usually be affected by export restrictions. However, the thought of Soviet technicians in the outback getting their hands on US satellites suggests limitless opportunities for industrial and security espionage.

The United States has a chain of secret satellite tracking stations across Australia which would monitor any Soviet missile attack and guide the US response. Dr Middleton believes the flow of technical information will, in fact, favour the West because of the superiority and power of the Zenit launch system. Soviet organizations will also provide ground support and training in Australia.

The 494-acre launch site, overlooking Temple Bay on Queensland's Pacific coast, is

12 degrees south of the Equator and thus well placed for sending satellites into geostationary orbit. But fate, as much as judgement, has made the Cape York plan the realistic proposition it is today. Few took it seriously when it was first suggested four years ago by Sir John Bjelke-Petersen, the then Premier of Queensland, who was dubbed an eccentric for backing such schemes as developing a car to run on water.

However, the subsequent US space shuttle disaster and setbacks to the US Titan and French Ariane rocket system, combined with changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union to make Cape York plausible, financially and politically. Moscow has been trying for four years to get into the commercial satellite launch market.

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Space coup disturbs Aboriginal and security sensibilities

From Robert Cockburn, Sydney

IN AN unprecedented coup, Australia has organised Soviet and US space agencies to build and launch the first East-West commercial satellite business, posing unresolved security problems for the American Administration.

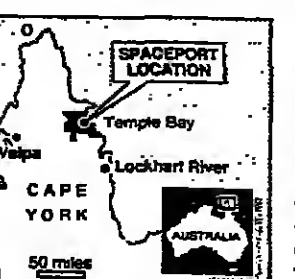
Australia is to buy Soviet rockets to launch US-made satellites from the tropics of its far northern outback. The project is due to commence in 1995 with the co-operation of the Soviet Glavkosmos space organization and the US defence giant, United Technologies Corporation.

First, however, certain age-old taboos have to be overcome. In Washington, the State Department still fears the loss of space-age secrets, in spite of yesterday's lifting by President Bush of low-level

technology transfer restrictions to the East bloc. And on the Cape York Peninsula, the proposed launch area, the last surviving Aboriginal tribes in Queensland are campaigning against the destruction of sacred sites used since Stone Age times for secret rituals.

The mythical tracks of the great Red Kangaroo spirit will have to be bulldozed to make way for the mighty Soviet Zenit rocket system. Australian environmental groups also object to the development in an area of unique tropical plant and animal habitats.

"The people are very afraid," Mr Isaac Hobson, chairman of the nearby Lockhart River Aboriginal Community Council, said yesterday. "Cape York is the very last place in eastern Australia,



from here to Victoria in the south, where Aborigines still practise the rituals. It will destroy sacred sites and ceremonial rings. We just want it scrapped."

But Moscow and Canberra have given official blessing to the project, which was discussed when Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, met Mr Bob Hawke, his Australian counterpart, here in February. "We are

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Moscow and US progress on Afghan peace pact

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

THE United States and the Soviet Union are developing a new formula for ending the Afghan war. Disagreements remain, but the superpowers are said to be showing much greater flexibility and to be making significant progress towards a resolution of the conflict.

Under the new approach, the Kremlin has endorsed the idea of free and fair elections in Afghanistan and has backed away from its insistence that President Najibullah, the present Soviet-backed leader in Kabul, be assured of a place in a post-war government.

Washington has in turn dropped its insistence that Dr Najibullah be barred from any role in a new administration. It would let him run for election, provided that he stood down during the transition to democracy.

The question of who would control the country during that transition period remains a sticking point between the two sides. The Soviet Union wants President Najibullah to stay in place, with the election

supervised by a council of election observers drawn from the United Nations and the 46-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference.

But the US is determined that he should not enjoy the advantages incumbency would give him in the elections. It favours an interim government and dismisses the Soviet comparison with the Nicaraguan elections, when President Ortega stayed in power.

"Afghanistan is not Nicaragua. Ortega did not kill a million people, as Najibullah and his party did in Afghanistan," one State Department official said, quoted by *The New York Times*. Moreover, say officials, the US-backed Afghan guerrillas would refuse to participate in any peace dialogue in which President Najibullah was involved.

An earlier Washington initiative, under which Dr Najibullah would stay in power for a transition period if he pledged to step down once a new government was elected, came to nothing.

The new formula is understood to have come from the Soviet side during a meeting of officials in Helsinki in March, and reflects a basic agreement that the way forward is through elections.

Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, are believed to have discussed the new formula when they met in Washington early last month.

It is expected to come up again when they meet in Moscow next week, and could also be on the agenda of the Washington summit between President Bush and President Gorbachev at the end of this month.

Both superpowers are eager for a settlement of the conflict in Afghanistan, which is costing Moscow up to \$300 million (£167.5 million) a month in military aid, and for which US congressional support is crumbling.

● **KARACHI:** The apparent decision of Dr Najibullah to lift a state of emergency and bring in changes in the Afghan Constitution ending the country's socialist orientation is seen as a significant step towards political resolution of the 12-year Afghan civil war (Zahid Hussain writes).

Mr Hameed Karzai, the spokesman for the six-party Mujahidin alliance of the Afghan Interim Government (AIG) in Peshawar, described the announcement as an important development. Mr Karzai said that Kabul regime's decision to call the *Loi Jirga* (grand people's congress) was significant and that the AIG would soon meet to examine these proposals.

The Afghan Government on Monday announced that the state of emergency — imposed 15 months ago after the withdrawal of Soviet troops — would be lifted on May 20. The Kabul Government, led by the communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), has also announced sweeping changes in the Constitution, ending the party's monopoly over state power and paving the way for democratic elections acceptable to all in Afghanistan.

Bhutto ready for talks

From Zahid Hussain Karachi

MISS Beazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, has said she is prepared to meet Mr V. P. Singh, her Indian counterpart, at any time to discuss the Kashmir issue, and suggested redeployment of troops from both countries to peace-time positions to defuse tension.

Addressing a joint press conference on Wednesday in Islamabad with Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese Prime Minister, Miss Bhutto again denied Indian allegations that Pakistan was providing arms and training to Kashmiri separatists. She said that her Government was prepared for an international commission to investigate any alleged involvement in the Kashmir uprising.

Miss Bhutto said that her Government fully reciprocated the Indian Prime Minister's reported suggestion that he was prepared to take two steps in response to Pakistan's one step for peace.

She also invited Mr Kaifu to be associated with the proposed talks between Islamabad and Delhi. The Japanese leader, who met Mr Singh before arriving in Islamabad on Wednesday, said he would be willing to be associated with any peace endeavour. Mr Kaifu expressed deep concern over mounting tension between the two south Asian countries.

Meanwhile, Pakistani military officials claimed that India has moved more engineering and logistic support units in the southern region bordering Pakistan during the past 10 days.

"The state of military alert in India is much higher today than a week ago," a Pakistani official said.

Singh in retreat from the people

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

MR V. P. Singh, the Indian Prime Minister, has abandoned the fantasy that he can live like an ordinary person at his bungalow on the Lodhi Estate, where he talked to neighbours over the garden fence and invited beggars in for tea.

He has moved out of the house, where adequate security was impossible, to imposing quarters on nearby Race Course Road, where Mr Rajiv Gandhi resided in aloof and sybaritic splendour. It boasts security so impenetrable that even Mr Gandhi's Cabinet could not get through.

Mr Singh does not get around in open-topped vehicles any more, protected only by "the people's love for me". The fact is, he is not nearly so loved as he was. He is unlikely to try that again, and certainly not in Punjab, as he did when riding a wave of mass adoration in December.

A bullet-proof car is now flown ahead of him when he travels. There was a time when Mr Singh could act spontaneously. Ragged peasants were allowed to squat outside the gate of his bungalow in the hope of an audience. Almost every morning the Prime Minister would open his front door and wave people in, squatting with them while they related their problems.

All that is history. The house at Race Course Road is a fortress of towering walls, floodlights, sirens, bunkers, police checkpoints, road barriers and big quivering airtels on the roof.

The ebb of Mr Singh's popularity comes as no great surprise. People expected miracles; instead, they got a surge in prices of sugar, tea, salt, flour, kerosene and other essentials. Life is no better, disillusionment has taken root, and there has been no lasting respite in the eight-year war in Punjab, despite his promises of "healing".



Mr Singh: Taking tea with beggars is over



A security expert in St Etienne displaying a new anti-riot softball launcher made by a French company and said to deliver a blow with the impact of a boxer's punch

Hong Kong riot police foil breakout at camp

From Jonathan Braude, Hong Kong

AN ARMED prison riot squad used 14 rounds of tear gas to foil a breakout of Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong's most dangerous detention camp yesterday, amid a UN warning that the centre had become "a monster" too big to control.

About 20 Vietnamese cut through the main fence of the Whitehead detention centre, which holds 22,000 inmates, early in the morning and emerged onto a road wielding homemade weapons before the riot unit forced them back into the camp. However, minutes later, the Vietnamese

returned with about 30 reinforcements, hurling stones and cutting new holes in the fence, until the police opened fire with tear gas.

Mr Alistair Asprey, the Secretary for Security, said the situation at Whitehead had been brought under control, and said the Government was not ready to follow calls to bring in the British Army to patrol the camps.

However, Mr Robert van Leeuwen, local representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said tensions in the camp were now running so

high that neither the Government nor the Vietnamese camp leaders were really in control. He said it was not surprising the Vietnamese wanted to break out, given the conditions in the camp.

The attempt follows a series of escapes over the past two weeks, both at Whitehead, where more than 100 Vietnamese slipped through the fence last weekend, and at the Cape Collinson camp, where Hong Kong holds volunteers waiting for repatriation.

Mr van Leeuwen said about 1,800 people were waiting to return to Vietnam, and another 500 a month were volunteering. However, the conditions in Cape Collinson, only recently converted from a detention centre, did not meet the expectations of volunteers, who felt they deserved better treatment than the inmates of other camps.

Some 1,400 Vietnamese arrived in Hong Kong in the first four months of 1990, compared with 4,300 to the same period last year. More than 80 per cent of the new arrivals were south Vietnamese, many ethnic Chinese who travelled overland through North Vietnam and China. Officials said they believed South Vietnamese were convinced they had a better chance of being recognized as refugees than the northerners.

Colony policemen seized by Chinese

From Jonathan Braude, Hong Kong

HONG Kong and Chinese officials last night were locked in urgent negotiations to free two Hong Kong policemen arrested by soldiers of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and forced to land in China.

The two under-cover policemen, it is understood, had boarded a boat travelling in Hong Kong waters, suspecting it of smuggling cars to China. Chinese soldiers forced them at gunpoint to accompany the

vessel to the Chinese coastal town of Shekou.

A Hong Kong government spokesman confirmed the incident. Local officials have been alarmed by repeated Chinese incursions into Hong Kong waters in recent months.

● **Ship barred:** Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday said the dissident radio ship, the *Goddess of Democracy*, will not be allowed to enter Hong Kong waters en route to China.

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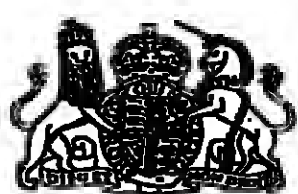
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 3: Mr Brian Watkins was received in audience by the Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Kingdom of Swaziland. Mrs Watkins was also received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency General Ahmed El Haji and Madame El Haji were received in farewell audience by the Queen and took leave upon his departure relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Lebanon to the Court of St James's.

Sir John Blesch (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office) was received by the Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, attended a Sponsored Sport Lunch at Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, attended a reception this evening given by the Air League at the Headquarters of British Aerospace, 11, The Strand, London WC2.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt, was in attendance.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Airlie, K.T., (Lord Chamberlain) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Maclean, K.T., (Permanent Lord in Waiting and formerly Lord Chamberlain) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Duke and Duchess of York were represented by Major William McLean.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer.

The Princess Royal was represented by Mrs. Malcolm James.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a gala performance of "West Side Story" by The Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London, SE1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, represented by the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Maclean, K.T., which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 3: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, visited the charity's Lorne House drug project for young people at 126-128 Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, E5.

Viscountess Campden was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Major-General Sir Christopher Ayr at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Maclean, K.T., which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

May 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Maclean, K.T., which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.P.D. Barker and Miss S.L. Watt

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Dr and Mrs D. Barker, of Blackboys, Sussex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs I.G. Watt, of Fumers Green, Sussex.

Mr A.D. Bernbaum and Miss V.C. Shafran

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Professor Gerald Bernbaum, of Leicester, and Mrs Pamela Bernbaum, of London, and Mrs Michael Shafran, of London.

Mr W.F. Calvert and Miss E.A. Dennes

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs David Calvert, of Westmore, Herefordshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs Barbara King, of Bicester, Herefordshire, and Mr Peter Dennes, of Exmouth, Devon.

Mr J.H. Chatfield-Roberts and Miss D.M. Connors

The engagement is announced between John Chatfield-Roberts, of Wing, Rutland, son of the late Colonel and Mrs G.C. Chatfield-Roberts, and Miss D.M. Connors, of Upper Broughton, Leicestershire.

Mr G.W.J. Goodfellow and Dr M.R. Salf

The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of the late Keith Goodfellow, QC, and of Mrs Keith Goodfellow, of Claygate, Surrey, and Mrs Salf, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr T.R. Kane and Miss N.J. Jenkins

The engagement is announced between Thomas Richard, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs Elizabeth Kane, of Wimbledon, London, and Nicola Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Jenkins, of South Ferring, Sussex.

Mr N.D. Wright and Miss S.J. Platts-Martin

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr David Wright, of Pyrford, Surrey, and Mrs Diana Platts-Martin, of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Platts-Martin, of Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Mr Marisa Robles, harpist, 53; Mr Gennadi Rozdestvensky, conductor, 59.

Mr Edwin Russell, sculptor, 51; Mr Alexander Schowaloff, Farmhouse, 61; the Right Rev D. Farmer, 61; Mr Stephen, 61; Mr Peter, 61; Mr Norman Siddall, mining engineer, 72; Lord Stoddart of Swindon, 64; Mr Eric Sykes, comedian, 67; Miss Gillian Tindall, ocellist and historian, 52; Mr John Watson, racing driver, 44; Professor Basil Yamey, economist, 71.

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PATRIARCH PIMEN

His Holiness Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and all Russia died yesterday, aged 79. He was born, Sergei Mikhailovich Ievakov on July 23, 1910, in Bogorodsk, outside Moscow.

Patriarch Pimen, who as head of the Russian Orthodox Church presided over the faith's reawakening after decades of repression under Soviet rule, led tens of millions of believers in the officially atheist Russia.

Under Pimen's leadership, the Russian Orthodox Church supported official Soviet policy, especially the leadership's pronouncements on peace and nuclear disarmament. Recently, however, the Church leaders have cautiously criticized the laws that restrict church activities.

Pimen became a monk in 1927 and was ordained in 1932, but was unable to serve as a priest in those harsh years and worked instead as a choir-master. Pimen was consecrated bishop in 1957 and in 1960 was created Archbishop. In 1971 he was elected Patriarch by the Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church, the supreme governing body.

He appears to have had no formal theological education. His generation of bishops grew up at a time, stretching from the early 1920s to the end of the Second World War, when all theological education was stopped by the Soviet authorities.

A gap in Pimen's official biographies is common to hierarchs of his generation, and is taken to indicate a period of imprisonment under Stalin. Exceptionally, information about the "missing" years in Pimen's life came to light in an extract from official reports by the Council for Religious Affairs to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which were "leaked" to the West. This extract claimed that during these years Pimen served in the army (twice), was imprisoned (twice) and in between worked in Uzbekistan. The two periods of imprisonment were allegedly for deserting twice from the Soviet army. This seems highly improbable; if he really deserted twice in wartime, he would surely have been shot.

Patriarch Pimen was widely believed by the faithful to have suffered greatly, and was revered for it. He was described by many, foreigners included, as a devout and prayerful man. He attended hardly any public occasions within the Soviet Union, outside Moscow and Zagorsk, and travelled abroad, even within Eastern Europe, far less frequently than most other leading Russian Orthodox hierarchs. Clergy of the Moscow diocese, whose bishop he was, rarely received audiences with him. Pimen reportedly confided to intimates that he was in a "golden cage". Independently-minded critics within his Church asserted

that he could have bent the cage bars had he chosen to assert his will. However, it is likely that his election as Patriarch, which could not have come about without the approval of the Soviet authorities, took place precisely because he was thought to be a person incapable by nature of making any such exertion.

Patriarch Pimen consistently maintained a staunchly pro-Soviet line, notably at peace conferences, and also at a succession of audiences with foreign churchmen, as the already extensive overseas contacts of the Russian Orthodox Church expanded in the 1970s and 1980s. In this he was, no doubt knowingly, helping to promote Soviet foreign policy objectives, and thus paying part of the price for being allowed to maintain official recognition of his Church.

Pimen was able to do little or nothing to improve the situation of his Church substantially or to make it more independent of state control. The legal position remained broadly the same as under Stalin: this remains technically the case even at present although the adoption of a new law on religion is under active discussion. He did not have to face an open anti-religious campaign (as his predecessor did from 1959 to 1964), but his actions were severely circumscribed by the Council for Religious Affairs' control of all aspects of church life, particularly (as the CRA reports to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union make clear), of the decisions of the Holy Synod and episcopal appointments. In these grim years, he and other hierarchs were pressured into helping to disown or suppress church campaigners for

greater freedom of religion. The Church was given some concessions (more theological students, new premises, etc), which some western commentators mistakenly construed as signs of increased "power".

Patriarch Pimen presided over a Church whose fortunes changed substantially and unexpectedly during the last five years of his life. The change in policy on religion can be dated at around the end of 1987 and beginning of 1988, and its most striking manifestation was the meeting between Mr Gorbachev and Patriarch Pimen together with other permanent members of the Holy Synod, in the Kremlin in April, 1988. This meeting was officially stated to be at the request of Patriarch Pimen, and official sources wished to indicate that the Church's leader had taken an initiative rather than responding to state initiatives as in the past. The meeting opened the way for the celebrations of the Church's millennium in June and July of 1988 to be a far greater focus of public attention than had previously been anticipated. The Patriarch attended the festivities, though he was too ill and enfeebled to take an active part.

The millennium celebrations marked the beginning of a period in which the church's role in public life became more and more frequently highlighted in sections of the Soviet Press. The Church's contribution to national and cultural life was favourably commented on, and its role in helping to tackle urgent social problems and its general beneficial influence in society was often alluded to. Patriarch Pimen, with two other leading Orthodox hierarchs, was elected to the Congress of Peoples' Deputies, the Soviet



Parliament, in 1989, a major change following their previous exclusion from political life. The Patriarch was unable to take an active part in the Congress's work himself, but his brother bishops have been making a contribution.

In the last year of his life, Pimen began to report on church affairs, including statements which the Patriarch made from time to time. The public profile of the Russian Orthodox Church remains higher than that of any other religious body in the USSR, to the extent of its resuming some of its former trappings of a state Church.

The relaxation of Soviet policy on religion has however struck one blow, whose long term effects cannot yet be assessed, at the Russian Orthodox Church. Following Mr Gorbachev's meeting with Pope John Paul II on December 1, 1989, Ukrainian Greek Catholic churches in Western Ukraine, outlawed since 1946, have been able to register officially. This has led to conflicts over property, since many former Ukrainian Catholic churches had been in the possession of the Orthodox Church.

The Russian Orthodox Church therefore stands to lose a great deal. Members of the Holy Synod chaired by the Patriarch have been making a number of forceful statements defending their Church's position.

Patriarch Pimen cannot be said to have played any part in stimulating or inaugurating the changes from which his Church has begun to benefit. He was one of untold millions who, by their prayers and their perseverance in the faith, kept the flame of Orthodoxy alight during long years of suppression and persecution.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Airlie and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Lord Maclean held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

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GEOFFREY SALMON

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THROUGH his influence on the Army and the growth of J. Lyons, Geoffrey Salmon did much to set the tone of mass catering in Britain during the Second World War and afterwards.

He was part of the family which effectively founded J. Lyons in the inter-war years. After Malvern and Jesus College, Cambridge, he entered the business, working in the company's kitchens, doing errands and serving as a waiter.

He subsequently ran the Henry Telford meat pie subsidiary and the Lyons bakeries. In 1938 the Secretary of State for War, Leslie Hore-Belisha, commissioned Sir Isidore Salmon, Geoffrey's uncle and the then chairman of Lyons, to report on how wartime mass feeding could be executed more efficiently. In that year, too, Geoffrey Salmon was commissioned into the Army and became the Area Catering Officer in York.

Sir Isidore was confronted with arrangements that had changed little since the battle of Waterloo. The men least suitable for active frontline service were consigned to the cookhouse, where they converted low-grade raw materials into often unappetizing meals.

The answer was to create a specialist department, the Army Catering Corps, staffed by those with skill and aptitude for the job. Geoffrey Salmon was one of its first recruits, rising to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel by the end of the war.

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LEON KELLAWAY

Leon Kellaway, OAM, a former dancer who contributed greatly as a teacher to the early days of ballet in Australia, died in Melbourne on May 1. He was 82. He was born in London in 1902.

HAROLD Lionel Kellaway, always known as Leon, was one of five brothers, four of whom had careers in the theatre. Leon concentrated on dancing and his chief ballet teacher was Serafina Asafieva, the leading practitioner in Britain at the time.

His first employment was touring in musicals and variety shows in England, Australia and the USA with a partner named Ivy Schilling. Later he toured with Lydia Kysash's company, and from there was engaged by Anna Pavlova in 1929, but left after a while because he could get bigger roles in musicals and operettas.

However he was signed by Pavlova's widow for a tour of Australia by his Dandré-Lévyoff Russian Ballet in 1934, and he settled there at the end of it, again dancing in musicals.

With Pavlova, he had taken the stage name Jan Kowski (also spelled Kowsky and Kowsky), and it was under

of the war and becoming Chief Inspector of Training. He returned to Lyons in 1945, running the bakeries for 23 years. He also maintained his connections with the Army; from 1959 to 1971 he was its Honorary Catering Adviser.

Salmon became Chairman of Lyons in 1968. By that time the company faced increasing competition and the demands of a more affluent generation who were regularly exposed to foreign cuisine and less inclined to take very plain food. Rising inflation also made severe inroads into the economics of a business as labour-intensive as Lyons was. This, and the increasing pressure for self-service and what is now known as fast food, effectively killed the Lyons Teashops and eventually the Lyons Corners Houses.

In order to adapt, Lyons was restructured. The decision presented Salmon with personal difficulties; some members of the family had to change jobs; others left the business. Salmon was chairman until 1972, going on to be president of the company for a further five years until 1977. But the strains of the 1970s had taken financial toll. The following year Lyons was taken over by Allied Breweries to form the present Allied-Lyons group.

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Memorial service

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John Russell Taylor on how British preservation of art treasures makes up for the sometimes questionable methods of their acquisition

Conservation or expropriation?

One of the biggest mistakes museums — and, be it said, their critics — can make is to assume that they have to choose between being scholarly and being popular. Such a view radically underestimates both the strength of the self-education movement, and the amount of interest in art and antiquities felt by people who are unashamedly non-specialist.

At least the British Museum is making no such mistake at present. The upper levels of the northernmost block have just reopened with a bang, after a couple of years' closure, with a spectacular new addition in the shape of the three Japanese Galleries built on top of the old Oriental and Prints and Drawings Galleries. This impressive piece of loft development was four-fifths financed by Japanese businesses, and provides a splendid showcase for the cream of the museum's Japanese collection.

Very remarkable it is, too. No doubt all the stops have been pulled out for the opening display, but it is still a happy surprise that the fashionable movement for wholesale repatriation of works of art does not seem to have affected the Japanese. They, presumably, see it as more a matter of national pride that the British public can appreciate the marvels of Japanese art and design in better conditions than ever before.

If the present-day inhabitants of that part of Central Asia on either side of the Silk Road did not have their hands full with more immediate political action, they might not feel so indulgent about the re-opening show in the Oriental part of the galleries below. Caves of the Thousand Buddhas (until August 27) puts on show for the first time in many years a wonderful collection of Silk Road art, mostly discovered and brought back by the great archaeologist Sir Marc Aurel Stein between 1900 and 1915.

Then, there was no doubt that Stein's researches were heroic, retrieving for the civilized world much that would otherwise have mouldered unseen in the wilderness. Now that certainty is unjustifiable: a Chinese friend of mine tends to mutter "Full of stolen treasures" every time he passes the BM, and it is a matter of debate whether Stein's haul is "stolen" within the modern meaning of the word.

At least the BM allows viewers to make up their own minds about that. On the credit side are all the wonders of conservation per-

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formed in London on these very fragile paintings and textiles, which would probably not even exist today had it not been for Stein's coterie. Some of the works are indeed so delicate and light-sensitive that the selection of paintings has to be shown in two parts, so as not to expose them to even very dim light more than is absolutely unavoidable.

The Buddhist art of the area between the 4th and the 9th centuries is truly wonderful, of a vividness and simplicity which sometimes take the breath away. There is something magical about looking at the fragments of textile and reflecting that fragile as they are, they have already survived for more than a millennium.

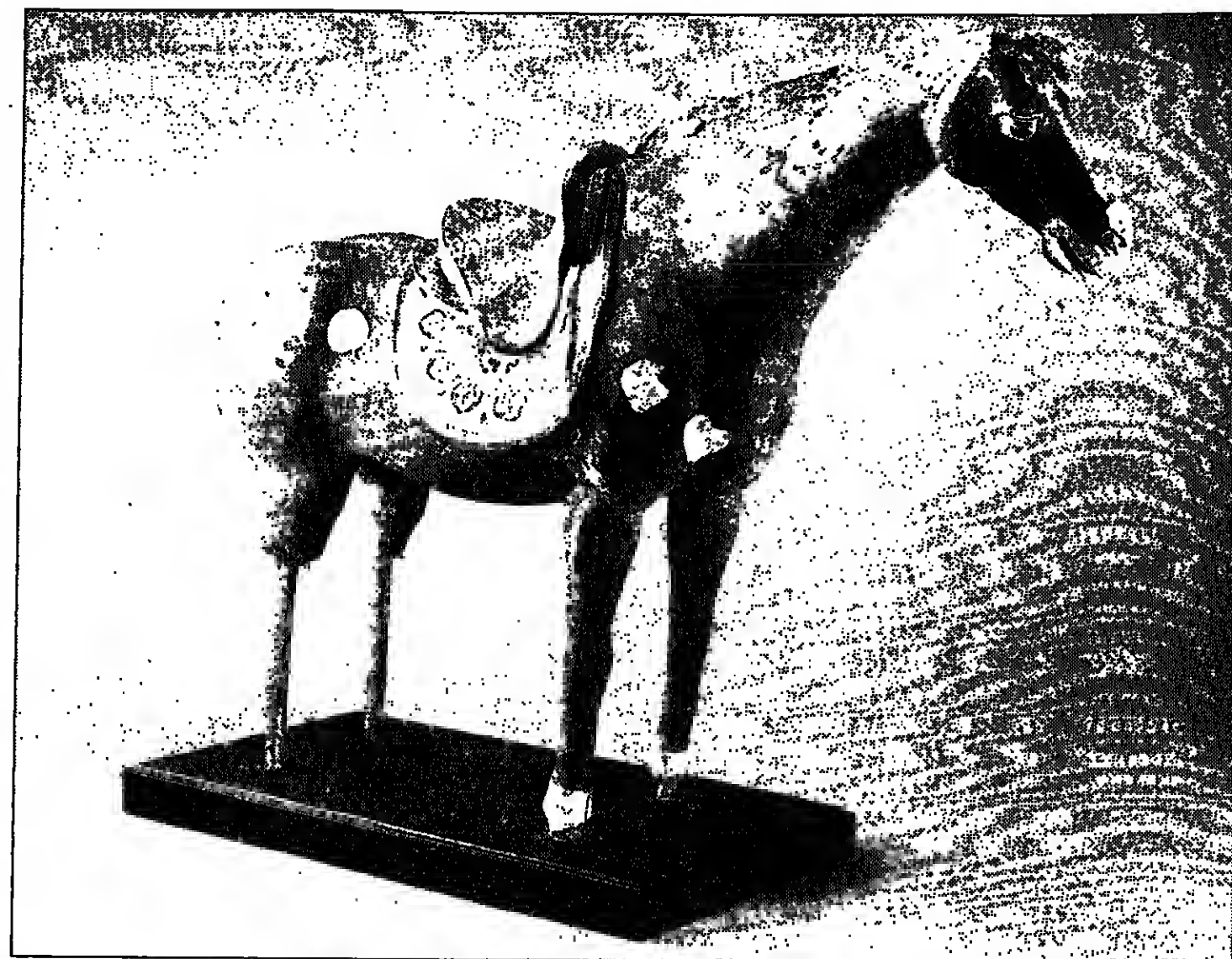
The show, *Treasures of the Department of Prints and Drawings*, next door (until July 29) is admittedly something of a rag-bag, but then, what rags and what a bag: the handsomely redesigned gallery is filled with wonders, some very familiar, some less so, including works by Dürer, Tiepolo, Constable and Picasso, as well as exquisite pieces by the Glaswegian Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the American Precisionist, Charles Sheeler.

Besides these, until September 2, there is the *Fake? show*, which is almost a demonstration-piece on the art of combining broad popular appeal with the grandest kind of scholarship. Maybe there is something slightly morbid about the public's interest in the whole business of forgery (it is always nice to see overweening scholars caught out), but the existence of art forgeries does raise many questions beside the obvious, vexed question of where the monetary value of an art-work really lies. And it offers a rare opportunity to see the gold Tiara of Saitapharnes or a genuine Van Meegeren forgery of Vermeer, the most famous falsifications there have ever been.

John Russell Taylor's selection from other current shows

NUDES LADY: Dod Procter, much more than her husband Ernest, specialized in painting female nudes. These, with their distinctive child sexuality, remain the most individual works in the touring retrospective, two years short of her centenary. Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool (051 207 0001) until May 23.

LIGHT IN THE DARK: Leonart Branner, a leading painter in early 17th-century Delft, is not exactly a household name. But this small, choice show of his paintings and drawings does show a strongly individual talent and a passion for almost phosphorescent lighting effects. Richard L. Feigen (930 0020) until June 8.



Tang dynasty figure of a horse, 2ft high, from the *Caves of the Thousand Buddhas* exhibition at the British Museum

If the Tiepolos in the Prints and Drawings show whet the appetite, there is a unique chance to assuage it at the Accademia Italiana (Rutland Gate, off Knightsbridge) until June 30. Giambattista Tiepolo is a major exhibition by any

standards, gathering together some 80 drawings selected from the 254 held by the Civico Museo Sartorio in Trieste. They had all belonged to the engraver Viviani, and were found unrecognized in a trunk of papers by Giuseppe Sartorio in 1998. He donated them to the municipality, which received them in 1910.

They seem to cover all periods of Tiepolo's career, from very early, imitative works up to his latest, boldest compositions. What immediately strikes one is the amazing modernity of effect. Tiepolo, all too often regarded as a delightful rococo lightweight, comes out here as strong and serious as could be wished, often wielding his brush or pen with an almost oriental boldness and immediacy.

He was also one of the earliest of the Old Masters to have regularly produced drawings as works in their own right, rather than as mere stages in the process of conceiving and painting. It is interesting, too, to be let more precisely than usual into the problems of exhibition vs. conservation: many of his drawings, it now emerges, use a sort of ink heavy in iron, and a process akin to rusting is liable to eat them away. It is fortunate that this collection is in such careful hands.

Even more complicated problems bedevil the works in *Saving Old Masters*, at the Dulwich Picture Gallery until July 1. Here the spectator really is let into all the secrets, and asked engagingly to share the problems. When there is a perfectly genuine landscape by

Cuyp, expanded and improved by Sir Francis Bourgeois in the early 19th century, should the additions just be sawn off? With one of Reynolds's most popular pictures, "Girl with a Baby", which also happens to be one of his less happy technical experiments, should it be cleaned to show up the defects as well as the (hoped-for) bidden beauties? In the case of a painting literally in tatters through war damage (a rather respectable-looking Italian St Cecilia), where is the start to be made, if at all?

Absorbing stuff, especially when it is borne in mind how many darkened pictures in the collection, demoted from grand attributions a century ago, have re-emerged as the genuine article, Cuyp or Gheertridis or Guercino or Rembrandt, only after recent cleaning.

Skeleton hunting

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

ONE of the American television bits of the past decade mercifully only seen here in the still watches of the dawn, is a series called *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*, in which, as in *Through the Keyhole*, a man wanders around very large houses looking at what wealthy people keep in their cupboards.

For *This Week on Thames* last night, *The Millionaire in Chains* looked as though it might have come from the same stable. Ostensibly an investigation of Adnan Khashoggi, the arms dealer once known as the richest man in the world, but now facing charges of racketeering, embezzlement and fraud, it was little more than an extended real-estate commercial for his surviving mansions in Florida and New York.

The current Khashoggi scandal is another of those *Bonfire of the Vanities* court cases with which New York is making the uneasy transition from its super-rich Reagan Eighties to the pricklier Bush Nineties. The issues raised are intriguing enough. Was he, as arms dealers go, an innocent victim of the Marcos regime? Might his life now be a great deal easier if Ronnie were still a useful friend at the White House?

Khashoggi now commutes to court by subway, but spends his weekends in Florida, down to his last \$50 million and wearing a security bracelet around his ankle.

He is still having a little trouble with the English language. Trying frantically to distance himself from a former aide, who went to jail for pimping, Khashoggi memorably announced that the man "used to be my ex-chauffeur" thereby suggesting a whole new category of non-persons twice removed. It was good to learn of a new Manhattan cocktail-party law — if you're indicted, you're invited — but there was not a lot more by way of investigative journalism.

40 Minutes (BBC 2) ended a very strong series with an epitaph for Colin Graver, a partially deaf Durham boy with a speech defect, who somehow slipped through every one of the social services' nets, and at the age of 17 ended by throwing himself off Westminster Bridge.

The passer-by who tried to stop him told in terrifying detail what it is like to be the last of a series of nets through which a human life literally falls. The film suggested that television can sometimes provide, if not a conclusion, at least a kind of therapy for the bereaved.

Documentary, not dramatic

THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

Victory Celebrations Everyman, Liverpool

AT THE end of the published edition of this play by Solzhenitsyn, his first large-scale work, antedating the novels that brought him fame and exile, come eight words before which criticism falters: "1951, Ekibastuz, composed orally while on gang labour". Ekibastuz was the gulag he was sent to, after five years already spent in labour camps, and here he composed and memorized this play, smuggling it out in fragments carried by released prisoners.

Only a man of indomitable will could have completed a literary work in conditions more frightful than anything we in the West, sitting comfortably in our seats at the theatre, can imagine. His dedication commands respect. Thirty years, however, passed before Solzhenitsyn released the play for publication, and a further 10 before this production, its world premiere. So where its denunciation of Stalin's Russia might once have been impressive simply as a document, it must now be viewed as a piece of theatre, and as such it fails. It fails the only significant test of any play: tedious dialogue kills an audience's interest.

The promising situation is an impromptu party in a captured



Paul Broughton as Colonel Berbenchuk, Maria Gough as Galina

Prussian castle where a great wall-mirror is placed on trestles, and a dozen Red Army officers sit down to drink, sing and frankly criticize the enormities of Communist rule. One of them denounces collective farms, another the purges, a third the activities of the secret police, a fourth the follies of Stalin. Galina (Maria Gough), a young woman discovered in the castle, admits to working for the Nazi-backed Russian Liberation Army and, in the nearest approach to a plot, decent Captain Nerzhin (Andrew Rattenbury) takes her side against the odious NKVD Lieutenant.

The intricate mesh of loyalties, bewildering to a contemporary British audience, is made more confusing by the plethora of Russian names, obscure towns and presumably meaningful snatches of verse. The plot's farcical resolu-

tion almost works, but the directors (Linda Dobell and John Doyle) absurdly keep intact all the verbose reminiscences that Solzhenitsyn, I suspect, added to his original text. These are dry and undramatic, and only the ablest members of the cast, notably Stephen Earle's saturnine Major, make them passable by suggesting links between past experience and present rage.

Paul Broughton's humorous Colonel, abandoning the attempt to make sense of his map, has presence, and the degree of muddle that exists even in a victorious army is sometimes well caught. But as a whole the evening is no more convincing than the officers' nice new boots, which are as clean and unscuffed as they were when they left the wardrobe mistress's cupboard.

Behind the power and glory

Benedict Nightingale

Coriolanus Barbican

the Roman ghettos. You feel that somewhere inside he dreams of being immortalized in gold and stuck on top of one of Albert Speer's palaces.

Sarcasm, scorn and contempt give his performance its force but perhaps also a certain monotony. Dance's voice does not have great range, nor his interpretation great complexity. If you think, with me, that Coriolanus is the least interesting Shakespearean hero, he will not change your mind. There is, for instance, no serious attempt to explore the character's psychopathology, the intricacies of his aggressive infantilism.

But perhaps there does not need to be, given the energy of Miss Jefford's Volumnia. Being brought up by a mother like that must be like being run over daily by Boadicea in her chariot. Anything except scorn, contempt and other maternally approved traits would simply be flattened out of you.

Certainly, Jefford's is a performance that leaves one wondering

why she is not universally recognized as one of our greater actresses. Face confidently aloft, hands thrust unstopably forward, she, too, would fit happily on some fascist building, maybe as the helmeted Minerva. Yet there is emotion here as well. Few performers would dare snarl as she snarls, few sob as ferociously as she sobs, fewer still attempt the strange feral delight, almost sexual in nature, with which she boasts of her son's scars.

Hand's production, spare and visually punchy though it mostly is, falters somewhat when battles occur. Polcaxed warriors ("breathe you, my friends") have all too evidently run just five exhausting paces from the wings. Again, no actor ever got in and out of war-torn Coriolanus as easily as Dance.

But that does not matter greatly, when the words and the ideas they embody come over as clearly as they do in what is, by the end, a notably fair and balanced production. Apart from anything else, you realize that all the characters, Coriolanus and Volumnia, patricians and plebeians, have tried to pass off personal interest, class interest, factional interest as true public interest. It is a play, very literally, for today.

Strange, interesting creation

DANCE

John Percival

Hervé Jourdet The Place

TWO puzzling but interesting short works, shown at The Place a year ago, identified Hervé Jourdet as a young choreographer worth keeping a speculative eye upon. This week he arrived back for previews in London (and at the Glasgow Mayfest on Saturday) of a larger piece, *Dance Marguerite*, commissioned by the Centre d'Action Culturelle at St Quentin en Yvelines.

Isabelle Rousseau's décor consists of slatted folding chairs, the sort of screens which protect from wind and prying eyes on continental beaches, and piles of cardboard boxes. With the sound of gulls and waves overlaying snatches of music in Patrick Müller's soundtrack, this is clearly a somewhat desolate beach resort. But what are all the black balloons — storm clouds gathering?

Seven dancers populate this spot, presenting a series of sharply edged characters exaggerated and stylized to the point of caricature. Particularly fascinating is Nasser Martin Gousset in *Dance Marguerite*, playing more than one personage simultaneously, with the aid of a dummy head which can either be worn to enlarge him to monstrous height or be used like a ventriloquist's dummy, for disputes between his different characters.



Nasser Martin Gousset with his extra head in *Dance Marguerite*

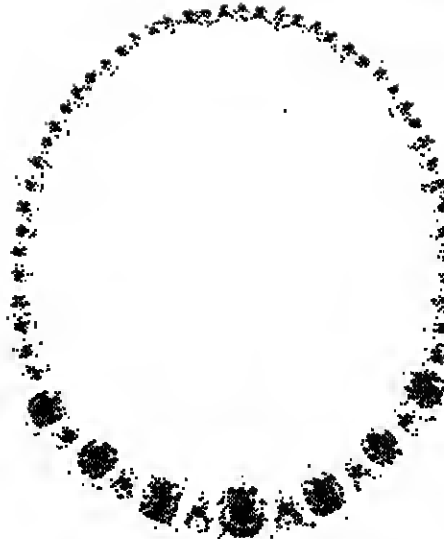
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Yes, you read it on video first

A video-magazine on heavy metal and the pop industry is expanding fast, writes Mike Nicholls

One sector of the retail market unaffected by the slump in consumer spending is the sale (as opposed to rental) of videos. According to research published by the British Videogram Association, last year video software sales reached £300 million, just £29 million behind total cinema box-office takings.

An estimated 20 per cent of these sales were music tapes, ranging from Jason Donovan to Bon Jovi. Maintaining a consistent chart position in this area is something called *Hard 'n' Heavy*, a title that has established a new phenomenon in the UK video market - video publishing. This is a magazine or periodical produced on videotape as opposed to paper.

"Videodicals", as these items have been named, have been popular in the US and Japan for some time. The current ITV television series *Video Fashion*, for example, began life as a video-magazine.

Hard 'n' Heavy is available every two months and has just celebrated its first birthday in style: the owners have signed a three-year distribution deal with Virgin Vision, a market leader in music video.

The deal is worth \$2 million (approximately £1.25 million) over the next three years, which will doubtless assist the video-magazine's plans to expand. It is already on sale in 33 countries, and a distribution deal for the Soviet Union is currently being negotiated.

As its name suggests, *Hard 'n' Heavy* is devoted to the heavier end of the rock market. So far six editions have been published, at

£9.99 each, following an uncomplicated yet imaginative format. This intersperses promotional videos, interviews and exclusive live footage of acts such as The Cult, Whitesnake and Black Sabbath, on to mention such young bloods as Helloween and the Quireboys.

There are also regular industry items, such as profiles of video directors or independent record labels, and each issue is introduced by an elder statesman of heavy metal, such as Lemmy, Alice Cooper and Paul Stanley of Kiss.

All the artists' royalties are waived, and here the impeccable heavy metal credentials of the video-magazine's two main principals have helped. Editor-in-chief Harry Docherty was resident rock writer on *Melody Maker* before becoming editor of a publication called *Metal Hammer*, while producer John House worked at Thames Television before becoming a film and video producer in the early Eighties.

"We felt there was a gap in the rock market that was not being filled by television," Docherty says. "We wanted something where an artist had the opportunity to talk without being interrupted by some newly-permed talking head. And for the price of a T-shirt you get 80 minutes of that and a lot of music."

So far, the formula seems to be working. Sales in Britain and America alone are approaching 50,000 per issue, and the Virgin deal offers even greater sales potential.

Hard 'n' Heavy is one of the sponsors of this year's annual heavy rock festival at Castle Donington, paying the promoters a five-figure sum in return for the screening on stage of highlights from the video-magazine.

"The only thing that surprises me", confides Docherty, "is that the concept of video publishing isn't already more widespread. But once it is, and the genre becomes more widely established and respected, it can only be to our advantage."

Get back to Tin Pan Alley

Barney Hoskyns says singers should tap the songwriting talent that has been neglected since the Sixties

Stars will come and stars will go, but a good song is forever: this is one of the enduring clichés of the music business. You can have a great voice, a pretty face, and the coolest haircut, but if you don't have any good songs, the whole package could be flushed away and nobody would notice.

Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley are just two of the singers who have known the profound truth within the cliché. Neither one had a hand in more than two or three songs in his entire career. What would have happened to them without Johnny Mercer and Jimmy Van Heusen, without Leiber & Stoller and Otis Blackwell?

The days of Tin Pan Alley in the early Sixties have passed into pop mythology. Whether it's the image of the Tin Pan Alley songwriters, conjured so brilliantly by Sartre at the end of *Nausea*, or of Jewish kids like Carole King and Gerry Goffin riding in on the subway from Brooklyn to spend all day cooped up in one of Don Kirshner's cubicles at 1619 Broadway, there is something romantic about the people who remained in the shadows of the pop dream, cranking out hits with the discipline and dedication of scientists.

"If I dwell on an image of Richard Rodgers knocking out a couple of songs before lunchtime," says Prefab Sprout's Paddy McAloon (one of the few contemporary songwriters to have heard of Rodgers), "I marvel at the fact that he was a fatty in a suit and yet he was a genius, he went way beyond any of today's writers with all their fabulous intentions."

Strange, then, that songwriters today have such a hard time making a living. Ever since what Greg Shaw called "the revolt against structure" - more precisely the revolution that was The Beatles - it has been essential for self-respecting pop acts to pen their own songs, to prove to the world that they are not mere mannequins for more talented



Mannequin and mop-top: though Kylie Minogue relies on songwriters, The Beatles made it de rigueur for stars to sing their own songs

musicians behind the scenes. In this country, the only singers who have not composed for themselves have been mannequins, from The Sweet and Mud in the Seventies (with songs by Chino & Chapman) to Kylie and Jason today (with songs by Stock, Aitken & Waterman).

British pop could learn a lot from America, where such Brill Building veterans as Barry Mann and Gerry Goffin are still knocking out great songs for artists as diverse as Linda Ronstadt and Natalie Cole, and where soul and country music have always been dominated by outside writers.

American bands have been turning with increasing regularity

to what are known as "song doctors", professional writers drafted in to give an act's songs a commercial edge, or even to write them from scratch: Bo Diddley and Aerosmith use Desmond Child, while Starship use Albert Hammond and Diane Warren.

Of course, American Top 40 pop is horribly bland and formulaic, and America could never come up with something so terminally hip as the Happy Mondays, there are some great singers on this side of the Atlantic who shouldn't be writing songs, and more than a few great songwriters who should keep their voices locked behind the bathroom door. Only because



publishing royalties are so lucrative do otherwise promising acts keep hacking away with their own second-rate material.

"What we're good at in this country is grass-roots movements," says Muff Wiviood, head of artists and repertoire at CBS. "The Brill Building thing could ever have worked here. He has a point. The kids who've been sucked into the Stone Roses or Birdhouse cults are not much bothered about compositional longevity, but there are more mainstream acts, and above all voices, which would do well - nationally and internationally - if occasionally they considered using someone else's song. If it is

acceptable to cover old soul hits, as many did in the '80s, why not give today's talented songwriters a chance?"

It is a symptom of our stubborn insularity that we have never had a Tamla Motown, just a few tacky pop factories pumping out humdrum but instantly forgettable ditties by disposable singers. "It's so rare that an artist will cover an outside song," says Stuart Slater, head of Chrysalis Publishing. "It only happens when someone like Sinéad O'Connor decides on a whim that she wants to cover an obscure Prince song." Both sides have much to lose if singers refuse to sample the odd slice of humble pie.

Jerky jazz jumps from the savannah-lands

ROCK ALBUMS
David Toop

The Ousmane Kouyate Band: *Dombe* (Sterns 1030)

OUSMANE Kouyate is a guitarist and singer from Guinea, now resident in France performing acoustic sets every week in a Parisian restaurant. However, this record is a typical example of the hi-tech recordings currently being produced in Parisian studios, involving adjectives such as smooth, but posing difficult questions for non-African listeners. How much do our notions of authenticity, traditionalism and rawness in the many regional variants of Africa's widely differing music implicate us in a sort of unintentional racism?

If this bothers Kouyate, he does not show any signs of equivocation on *Dombe*. "N'Fanta Lele", a song in praise of sisters-in-law (an unlikely broadening of popular music's subject matter) begins like a jazz group in full flight and jumps sideways into the type of jerky, intense up-tempo track characteristic of West Africa's savannah countries. This is followed by the most powerful song on the album, "On Nafanta", a slow and moving tribute to Kouyate's greatness, who died while the group was touring in Sierra Leone. The marimba sound of the balafon, the basic keyboard and guitars move in hypnotic cycles, creating a trance-like, funeral mood.

Kouyate is a marvellous guitarist, and manages to make sense of a jazz-influenced style which incorporates the fractured, tumbling runs of kora playing. Although "Koumady" lacks the

depth of the previous tracks, it implies a happy future for African-flavoured mood pieces.

A Tribe Called Quest: *People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm* (Jive HIP96)

Rap has moved in some strange and compelling directions during the last two years. This thoughtful quartet is clearly influenced by De La Soul and the Jungle Brothers, acknowledging the fact at every opportunity, but succeeds in establishing a distinct identity by concentrating on low-key instrumental ballads for the musical backing. "Bonita Applebum", a bounteous but sincere love poem, is particularly successful. Sampling a four-bar sequence from an unidentifiable track, it counterbalances the mellow and modish sounds of electric piano and jazz guitar with a short sample of an Indian sitar. The effect is startling and funny, but enhances the mixture of coy wickedness and sincerity in the lyrics.

Marc Ribot: *Rootless Cosmopolitan* (Antilles AN8749)

Ribot is a guitarist from New York who has worked with an impressive range of musicians, including Solomon Burke, the Lounge Lizards, Tom Waits, Elvis Costello and the two most intimidating employers of them all, Chuck Berry and Wilson Pickett.

The name of both his group and album is taken from Stalin via a poem by Allen Ginsberg, and as Arto Lindsay's sleeve-notes suggest, it encapsulates the musical approach very neatly. Ribot can play tight riffs, obviously a legacy from his time in soul bands, or he can move comfortably in the looser, more exploratory sonic areas pioneered by British im-

proving guitarist Derek Bailey. The record could be hailed as a flag-waver for the new Beatnik spirit abroad in New York City; the spiky assaults on George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps", the Jimi Hendrix ballad "The Wind Cries Mary" and Duke Ellington's "Mood" are played with just the right balance of tribute and destruction so as to be worthy of consideration as work that is well within the Beatnik tradition.

Billy Bragg: *The Internationale* (Utility UTL11)

"Pay no more than £9.99" is the advice given on the front cover of Billy Bragg's mini-album of songs that do not fit into the main body of his work. Even this modest price seems somewhat high. Bragg's awful singing voice tackles material which has served its purpose at political rallies, but the idea of sitting at home listening to his strangled delivery of "The Internationale" and "The Red Flag" seems ludicrous. All the signs suggest that Bragg is becoming a socialist theorist of folk music, a role which has surely come to him 35 years too late.

Billy Idol: *Charmed Life* (Chrysalis CCD 1735)

Punk pseudonyms do not mature well, as a rule, but William Broad made an inspired choice when he reinvented himself as Billy Idol. The implications of the name are simultaneously cynical, ironic and starstruck, and that sums up the contradictions of his music and career. Idol, now based in Los Angeles, risks dismissal with his rockstar antics and absurd appearance, but he continues to make exciting records with a surprising amount of substance. There has been a four-year gap



Idol: a tormented voice

between the excellent *Whiplash Smile* and *Charmed Life*, and during the hiatus, Idol has grown to sound increasingly like a number of real rock idols, including Jim Morrison. The Morrison connection is rather over-stated with a weak cover of The Doors' "L.A. Woman". Idol would do better to stick to his own songs, although his version of the morbid Jody Reynolds' hit, "Endless Sleep", reaffirms Idol's feeling for Fifties pop and recalls Marty Wilde's British success with the song. 32 years ago, Idol has a better sense than Wilde and a better name. Despite the lapses into automatic rock gestures, this is another intelligent foray through territory he has made his own: clanging guitars, snapping drum machines, plenty of melodrama and that tormented voice.

An atmosphere of self-denial

CONCERTS
Stephen Pettitt

RPO/Wright
Festival Hall

YOU would have to be the most ardent of devotees to the music of Liszt if you were able to sit through his oratorio *Christus* without experiencing the odd moment of boredom. Only one of its movements, the vast *Stabat mater dolorosa* in Part Three (not to be confused with the simple, choral *Stabat mater preciosa* heard at the beginning of the work), could be said to be music of substance and unbridled emotion, its cogent form far removed from the composer's self-imposed austerity in the rest of the work.

Apart from this section, much

of the choral music does little but declaim slowly and solemnly, though some movements - the purely orchestral "Shepherds' Song" and the Three Kings' March in part one, for instance - show signs of an imagination straining to free itself from pious understatement, while the final *Resurrexit* contains its moments of glory, albeit realized in rather stiff-sounding counterpoints, and *The Miracle* begins with a melodramatic storm scene not unrelated to early Wagner. But the reverent, self-denying atmosphere prevails; we are in church, so we speak in hushed breaths and suppress anything other than pious feelings.

The Goldsmiths' Choral Union sang the piece with a commendably determined enthusiasm rather than with poise and sophistication; everyone seemed relieved when any opportunity

was offered to sing with the gusto traditionally cultivated by amateur choirs. Brian Wright, the conductor, appeared to be wholly devoted to the cause of the work; his dogged, workmanlike style of conducting, however, is hardly conducive to the possibility of a work like this taking on any miraculously ethereal flavour.

If the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra did not play as if they shared his affection for the piece, they delivered as reasonable an account as one could expect given the minimal rehearsal time they were presumably allocated. Despite the distinction of individual voices, the solo team of Jo Ann Pickens, Ameral Gunson, Martyn Hill and Bryn Terfel did not combine very pleasingly - there were too many clashing vibratos - though Terfel alone sang sonorously and sensitively enough the part of Christus.

Noël Goodwin

Stenzl Duo
Purcell Room

ALTHOUGH they were giving one of the "Prizewinners' Concerts", with which the Royal Academy of Music assists outstanding students, the German-born Stenzl brothers, Hans-Peter and Volker, already seem well on their way to an exciting career as duo pianists. They have that sibling instinct for sensing out only what the other is about to do, but just how it will be done, which in no way diminishes the consummate skill of technique that underpins their artistry.

Their programme culminated with the first performance here of

a new version of *Petrushka*, for two pianos and four-handed percussion. Though not credited by name, it seemed the joint work of the pianists and their percussionists, Gyula Racz and Uwe Art, cleverly imitating some of Stravinsky's notable orchestral timbres: substituting glitter and brilliance of attack for the fairground "squeezebox" effect, while mercifully avoiding any trace of tacky electronics.

The two pianos ensured that nearly the whole ballet could be transcribed in this way, though it was disappointing to hear it cut short in the last scene to finish with the masqueraders' dance, before the final return of the puppet figures. The scintillating nature of Stravinsky's invention, and his excursion into bi-tonality as a binding element, contrasted

with the feverish *vulgarité* of Ravel's *La Valse* in its two-piano form earlier in the programme, though in both works the weight of finger attack was the constant crucial element.

Before these, the audience heard Zimmermann following hard on the heels of Mozart. The former's *Perspektive I* of 1956 was itself the "music of an imaginary ballet", with strong visual associations as single notes and clusters were tapped back and forth, then growing metrically more complex and congested without losing anything in coquettish performance. Mozart's Two Piano Sonata (K. 448) had a shared sense of rhythmic accent and phrasing, and seamless exchange of passage-work from one piano to the other, than only occasionally tipped over into excessive clangour.

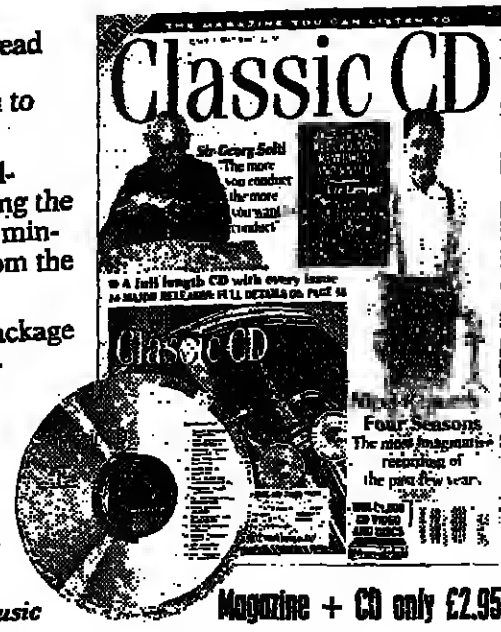
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WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by David Toop and Rose Rouse

DAVY SPILLANE: A new album, *Shadow Hunter*, should give this brilliant Irish uilleann pipes and whistle player some of the spotlight he deserves. His solos have graced the work of Kate Bush, Enya and Van Morrison, among others. The Refectory Doinel Road, Bangor University (0248 382075) tonight, 8pm, £4.50. Caesar's Palace Crown Street, Aberdeen (0224 210288) Sunday, 9pm, £5. Queen's Hall South Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) Monday, 7.30pm, £5.50.

MAKVIRAG: Multi-instrumentalist from Hungary who plays Eastern European traditional music. Their first British album, *Bekesség*, has just been released. The Sticks Anchor Inn, Wingham, Canterbury (0843 821859) Sunday, 8pm, £2.50.

SAM MANGWANA: Mangwana has worked with two of the greats of Zaire music - Tabu Ley and Franco - before leaving the country to work in West Africa and Europe. This evening, a tribute to the late Franco promises to be non-stop soulous. Town and Country Club Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303) tomorrow, 8pm, £8.50.

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The Charterhouse London Road, Coventry (0203 257350) Sunday, 12 noon-6pm, £1.50.

MADDY PRIOR: A constant in the fluctuating line-ups of Steeleye Span, Maddy Prior has also worked in a vocal duo with June Tabor. Her partner here is Backroom Boys' bassist Mick Kemp. Burnley Mechanics Manchester Road, Burnley (0282 30055) Monday, 8pm, £4.00.

ATTILA THE STOCKBROKER: One man, a fiery red necktie, a mandolin and lots of politically terocious songs. Apples and Snakes 46 Earham Street, WC2 (081-690 9368) today 8pm, £3.50.

JOOLS HOLLAND AND HIS BIG BAND: As ubiquitous as ever, Holland is back, hosting a BSB show called *The Happening*. Expect some exploration into the Blues. City Hall St Albans, Herts (0272 44488) today, 7.30pm, £5. Town and Country Club 9-17 Highgate Road, NW5 (071-284 1221) Sunday 7.30pm, £7.50.

JOOLZ: With a new book of poems out called *Emotional Terrorism*, this hard-edged poetess is back on the circuit. Difficult for many from the poets society to swallow, Joolz writes brutally cutting and emotionally wrenching poems. She's also got a sense of humour. Josiah Nathan Lecture Theatre Paradise Circus Complex, Birmingham (021 235 4387) today, 7.30pm, £3. Old Vic 27 Chip Street, Brighton (0273 24744) tomorrow, 8pm, £3. Students' Union Hull University (0482 46311) Sunday, 7.30pm, £3.

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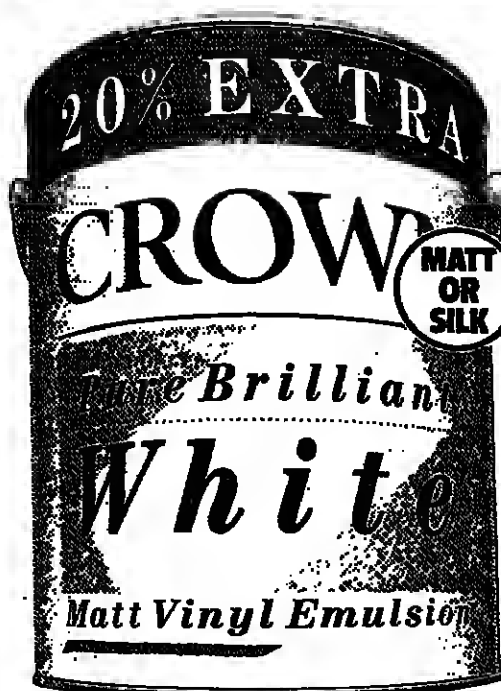
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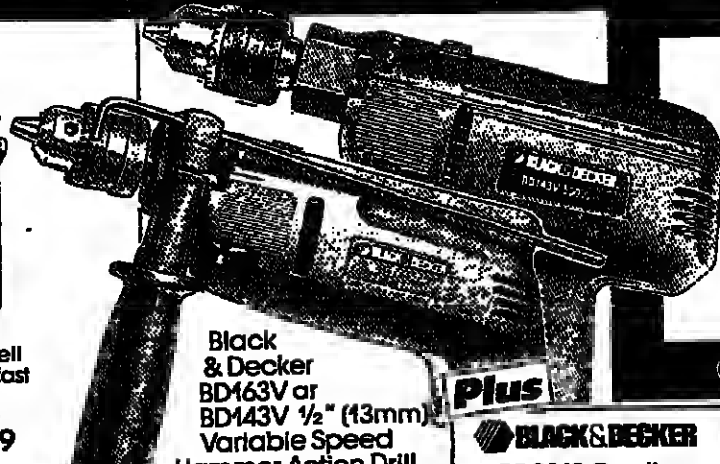
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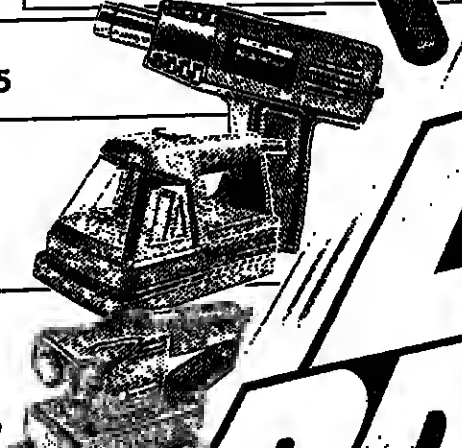
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Welsh jam on the WI cake

The diamond anniversary celebrations of the Women's Institute have started early in Wales, the land of its mothers. Brenda Parry reports

That bastion of all that is great and good in England's green and pleasant land, the Women's Institute, is busy getting into gear for its 75th birthday celebrations in September. There will be birthday teas — with home-made cakes, of course — throughout the land, and in June the Queen, a member of the Sandringham branch of the WI, will break one of her own strictest rules by attending the annual general meeting at the Albert Hall.

But the Welsh arm of the national federation, basking in the legend that the movement sprang from a garden summer-house in Anglesey, is stealing a march by beginning its celebrations today with the opening of an exhibition at the Welsh Folk Museum at St Fagan's, Cardiff. Using the technology of the 1990s, mostly video reconstructions, visitors will be able to look back at those early years in Llanfairpwllgwynnog, where a group of spinners and farmers' wives got together to see how they could assist their community while the men were away fighting in the trenches, and unwittingly established what has become the archetypal British institution.

When the women met in the autumn of 1915, their town-dwelling sisters were beginning to work in factories, and they wanted an opportunity to make their own contribution to the war effort. They decided they could organize the production and preserving of food, basing their operations on the village network of church halls.

The Llanfairpwll ladies held their first official meeting at the home of the Hon Mrs Stapleton-Cotton whose husband, a colonel, was branch secretary of the local Agricultural Organization Society (AOS), set up in the 19th century to give needy farmers financial help. Ten members (including, according to the records, "Jones the Post Office") formed a committee, affiliated themselves to the AOS, and began organizing lectures and demonstrations of domestic science — including how to make jam — and homecrafts for poor women in the local community.

The idea of a special institute for women was not theirs, however. This was born 100 years ago, out of



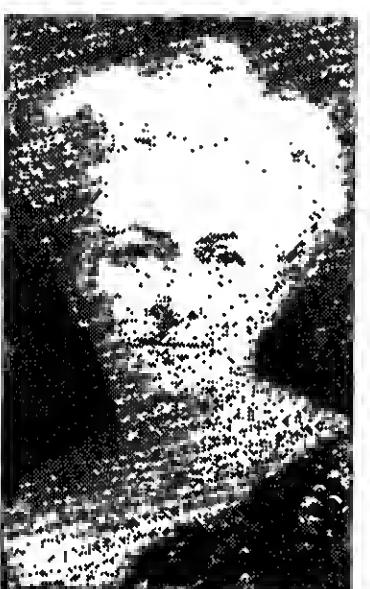
Chariters of fire: members of Britain's first Women's Institute, founded during the First World War in Llanfairpwll, Wales

tragedy. Adeline Hunter Hoodless, a Canadian farmer's daughter, lost a child through ignorance of basic hygiene. The experience made her determined to help other rural women who had no means of getting medical help. She became internationally famous for her work, educating women particularly in childbirth, cookery and cleanliness; and it was a member of her organization, Mrs Alfred Watt, who showed the way forward for the WI in Britain when she came here during the First World War and was invited to address the AOS in Llanfairpwll, where she met Col Stapleton-Cotton.

Mrs Watt joined the AOS staff on a three-month contract as an organizer of Women's Institutes, and within three years of that first meeting in the summer-house, there were more than 1,000 groups throughout Britain. The WI took off at a time when women were becoming politically aware, and were looking for ways to take an active role in the running of their own communities. With their men away they were liberated from some of the ties of family life, and so they were willing to spend their free time learning new skills while contributing to the war effort.

In 1915 jam-making and fruit preserving were vital requirements for the nation's impoverished larder. Mrs Megan

Williams, aged 78, a member of the Llanfairpwll WI since the 1940s, is the niece of one of the founder members, and remembers gathering berries from the hedge-rows for her mother to make jam. She also recalls the "prim and proper ladies" who founded the movement. "They wore large hats and long skirts and frowned on too much jollity, but they did so much for our tiny community. However



Adeline Hoodless: inspiration

prim they may have seemed, they did all the right things. The group pressed for piped water and electricity for our village and one of the members, Nurse Catherine Williams, brought the first baby clinic to Llanfairpwll. It was the most marvellous thing — there had never been anything like that here before.

"I can't imagine what those founder members would have thought of the things we do today. I'm sure they wouldn't have approved of us playing bowls or darts."

Annual membership cost two shillings, a not inconsiderable sum in those days, although members were mainly the wives of wealthy landowners. Today the 325,000 members pay £7.50 a year, and still make jam, cakes and crafts to sell at their weekly markets. But with falling rolls, 75,000 fewer members than 10 years ago, and an ageing profile — the average age is 60 — the current executive is talking about doubling the subscription and trying to encourage younger members.

The Llanfairpwll group meets every third Tuesday afternoon, just as it did in 1915; but in London there is controversial talk of meetings in the evening, so that women who work or have young children can attend.

"We must have younger members, and I appreciate it is difficult

for them with young families or jobs to come in the afternoon," Mrs Williams concedes. "But I feel it is such a time-worn tradition that we cannot change it. It is the WI."

No one knows exactly why "Jerusalem" became the WI signature tune. In the Twenties a competition was held to find a suitable hymn, and without any finalists being chosen it somehow emerged the favourite. The first recorded instance of it being sung at the annual general meeting was in 1924, and it has been sung every year since.

In this anniversary year, as Britain pays tribute to the many men who lost their lives in the Dardanelles, the WI is anxious to emphasize the importance of the women's movement not only during the terrible war years, but in the 1990s. The WI is still fighting for better childbirth facilities in rural areas, as well as better medical and screening facilities. And it keeps an ever wary eye on the environment. It was the first organization to lobby for the abolition of chlorofluorocarbons, and began fighting to keep Britain Tidy in the 1970s.

● The Welsh exhibition will be open at St Fagan's until the end of October, and will then move to the Museum of the North at Llanberis in Snowdonia until May next year

Dial M for obscenity

Are fears about privacy preventing us from waging an American-style telephone war on nuisance callers?

If you pick up a telephone in some parts of America these days, and hear a man breathing heavily at the other end of the line, all you need to do is hang up and punch in a couple of numbers.

A special feature known as Call Tracing will record the caller's number in the telephone company's computer, and turn it over to the police; the evidence can be used in court to prosecute him.

Call Tracing is just one of a number of technological innovations in America which are making it increasingly difficult for abusive callers to escape detection. But we are unlikely to see similar systems here, even though Ofcom, the British telephone industry watchdog, estimates that each year in this country some 10 million obscene calls are made to women, and five million to men. British Telecom feels they could involve "serious privacy implications", and has ruled them out.

Instead, BT is preparing to wage war on the dirty telephone call with a pilot nuisance Call Bureau. The bureau, based in Canterbury and staffed by four members of BT's customer complaints unit, will monitor obscene call patterns and report offenders to the Kent police. Bureau officers will offer victims help, provide call interception by the operator or an option to go ex-directory, and put them in contact with local voluntary groups for support.

As few as 200 prosecutions result from the 175,000 complaints BT receives annually. In one case earlier this year, Dover magistrates fined a man £690 after he admitted making hundreds of obscene calls, but BT considers the usual £400 court fine for such offences too low to be an effective deterrent.

With such little chance of detection, and often derisory fines, should Britain follow the American example? The Southern Bell telephone company in North Carolina introduced the Call Tracing service in January 1989, since when the firm's security bureau has made dramatic progress in catching nuisance callers. In March 1989, Southern Bell recorded 87 cases in which it was able to learn who was making obscene telephone calls. This March, with the spread of Call Tracing, that total rose to 271.

The service, which costs about \$4 (£2.40) a month, is proving to be one of the most

popular options offered by the telephone company.

Another deterrent to the heavy breather in America is a more widespread service known as Caller ID. When the telephone rings, a small panel displays the caller's number — and the user can decide whether or not to pick it up. Bell Atlantic, which has pioneered Caller ID, recently launched an advertising campaign showing how the service can help a rebutt of obscene callers. In one of the ads, a woman thwarts a nuisance caller simply by reading out his telephone number to him. In the first seven days of the three-month campaign, the company received 40,000 inquiries. There can be little doubt about its effectiveness. In New Jersey, for instance, where it was introduced first in 1987, the number of complaints about obscene calls have dropped by half.

One New Jersey family even used the computerized service to press charges against a man who called their home about 20 times a night for three months. The telephone company provided the judge with the computer records and the man was sentenced to a year on probation.

"The word is out: people now have the ability to see the phone number of the caller, and many would-be obscene callers are afraid to mess around on the telephone," says Mr James Carrigan, a spokesman for New Jersey Bell. More than 37,000 customers in the state can now tell who is calling them, even though the service costs \$6.50 a month, plus an installation charge of \$21. The gadget that displays the caller's number costs a further \$50 to \$80.

But the same concern about privacy that stops BT offering the service has delayed its introduction in many states. In Illinois, for instance, a woman who counsels battered women is fighting against the service because it could enable women's violent husbands to find out where they are.

In California, telephone companies are required to offer customers a second feature allowing them to block their numbers being displayed on Caller ID panels, and a bill now before Congress would extend that stipulation to the rest of the country.

James Bone

And never say break a leg

Toppling statues, broken machinery and only this week a flying tree at the National — why is it that the stage is becoming such a dangerous place?

MICHAEL Deacon, best-known for his role as the vicar in *The Archers*, was playing Thomas à Beckett at Colchester when he fell off the stage. It was the end of Act 1: the spotlight illuminating his climactic final speech faded to black-out, and he turned to move back off the apron-stage towards the stage proper and the wings. He never made it. There were no guidelines in the wings, and in the pitch darkness he made one false move, and fell into the orchestra pit, shattering his right humerus.

The theatre can be a dangerous place. This week the Royal National Theatre had to cancel a performance of *Sunday in the Park with George* when a tree, which was being "flowed" offstage on pulleys, fell from its hook.

This was the second cancellation of this show, and the third at the National, in a week: a few days earlier, an iron bar had fallen during a performance, narrowly missing Nuala Willis on the Lyttelton stage. The following night, a hydraulic jack broke down in the Olivier Theatre, preventing the revolving elevator from fully surfacing on the stage. Jane Asher, as Lady Smeeth, in *The School for Scandal*, made a dramatic entrance on a four-poster bed, which sadly never quite made it into position, and director John Wood had to offer the audience their money back.

Flying trees, toppling chunks of metal, increasingly complex machinery, and a lot of people moving about at speed in the dark — it may be safer in the audience, but on stage, things are looking risky. The Health and Safety Executive does not separate theatrical accidents from others in the leisure industry, of which there were 1,600 last year. Privately, however, the executive has made it known to safety officers in some theatres that it is anxious that new technology on stage should not endanger performers and crews.

"Safety has been tackled in the auditorium; it is now the artists that have to be looked

after," says Sally Shell, legal officer for the Society of West End Theatres. "Most theatres comply with their legal obligations — those they know about. But they are not always aware of requirements under the Health and Safety Act, let alone under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, which only came in in January and covers things from glue and paints to smoke machines."

Because of these gaps in awareness, Equity, the actors' union, has formed a working party with managements to speed up guidelines covering backstage activity, and to formulate policy on EC regulations which might apply to the theatre.

But there are potential conflicts: health and safety regulations and theatrical imperatives may not always sit happily together. Directors and actors tend to resist restrictions on their freedom: the theatre is supposed to be a place where there is no such thing as the impossible.

So, perhaps, some risks have to be run. Andy Warner, the nurse in charge of the occupational health unit at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, points out that if theatres were factories, managements would have to install rails at the front of the stage as well as sound sirens. And the stage would have to be evacuated whenever anything was descending from the flies.

"There are some things you can't do much to improve: the theatre has to remain flexible. It is also a labour-intensive business," says John Watts, former safety officer for the Royal Shakespeare Company. "Technicians are required to be as unobtrusive as possible, and to move scenery in black-outs in 10 seconds flat. Add

the 'show must go on' mentality, and it's not surprising that there are problems."

Nevertheless, many people involved in the theatre suspect that it may have become markedly more dangerous with the introduction of hi-tech equipment, and vast structures which could not be got on and off the stage merely by hand. There was, for example, the incident at *Miss Saigon*, when the 12th statue erected at the end of the first act fell over during a preview, narrowly missing several actors.

(Drury Lane declined to comment on this.) Some of the actors in *The Good Person of Sichuan*, recently at the National, expressed nervousness about structures raised and lowered during performances, although a spokesman for the National said he did not know of a problem. Theatres generally are reluctant to go on record about their accidents and near-misses, but privately actors and crews have a fund of stories. Mr Watts remembers an incident at the Aldwych, when a piece of a lifting device fell; it didn't hurt anyone, but someone running out of the way tripped and hit his head on a radiator. He has also seen people falling down lift holes, bits and pieces crashing from the flies, and a falling steel frame which left a stagehand temporarily paralyzed.

But by no means all accidents are caused by hi-tech devices gone haywire. At the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Mrs Warner is responsible for the occupational health of 1,100 employees, and sees around 18 people a day. Some of their problems are a more or less inescapable side effect of the job: "You see dancers floating across the stage like a piece of thistle-down into the wings, where

they double up in agony and hyperventilate," she says.

Other hazards are more avoidable, but — rather like falling off the stage — have always been there. Mrs Warner remembers a performance of *Don Pasquale* when the hero twirled one of the chorus too vigorously; she crashed into the proscenium arch and broke her wrist.

Most of the injuries Mrs Warner sees are minor — splinters from the soft, rope-buro, or sprains from shifting the huge three-dimensional jigsaw puzzles that are modern sets. "I do think modern shows are over-produced," she says. Mr Watts, too, accepts that technology has caused problems, but hopes these will diminish with familiarity.

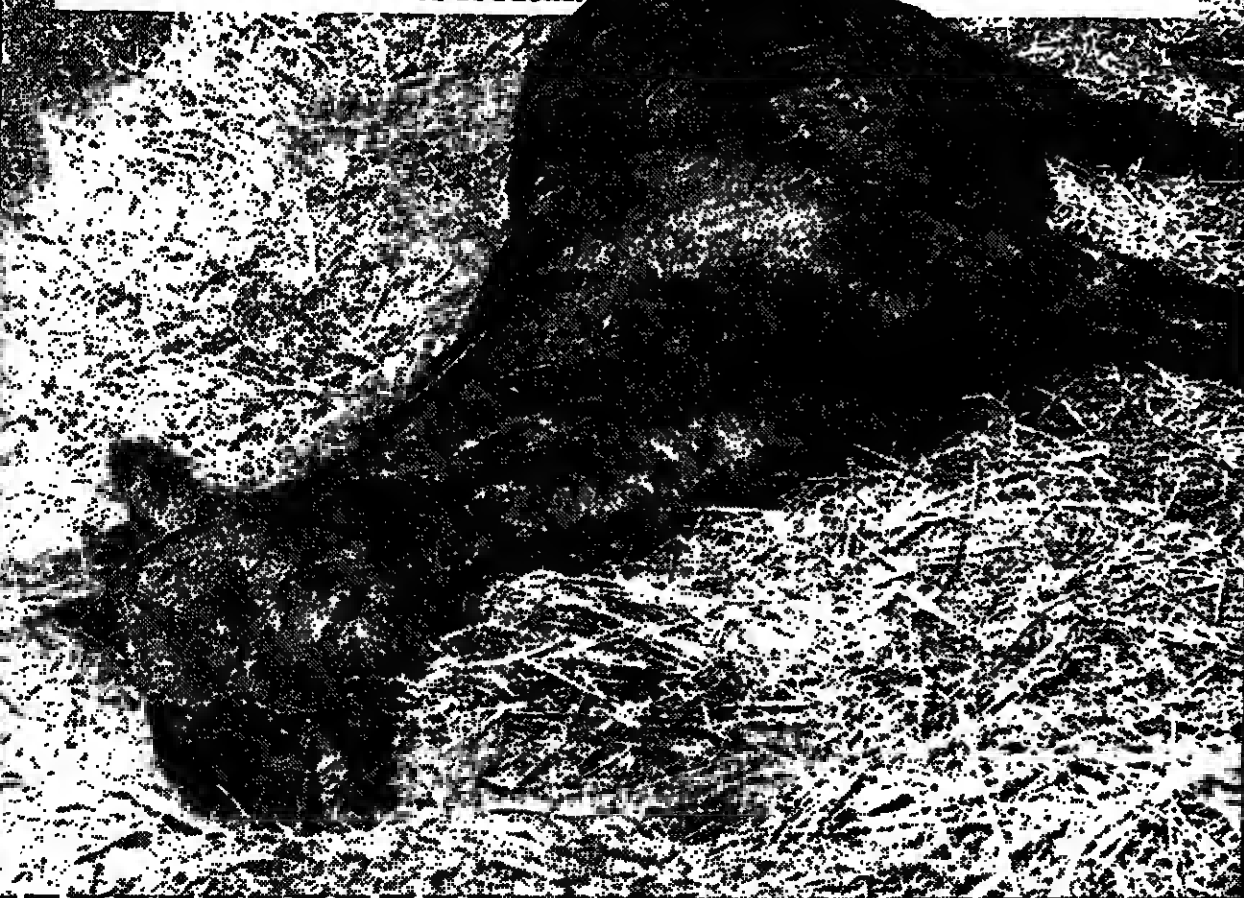
"If you are hand-wincing you can feel when something jams, whereas a hydraulic motor can cut through anything. I've seen people who have used hemp lines all their lives trying to tie wire rope, instead of using the proper clips." Not only safety issues, but artistic questions have been raised over the modern theatre: after seeing a National Theatre tour in Tobia without sets or costumes, all of which were held up in Soviet customs, the critic Michael Billington wrote, with the force of revelation, that it had turned him into a theatrical Luddite: "It is high time we stopped treating theatre as a mechanical toy," he protested.

There is not much chance of that. But the existence of the industry working party, as well as the efforts of individual theatres — health and safety committees and officers, nurses on staff, first aid courses for employees — suggests there isn't any complacency. Accidents happen, but it would be strange if they did not. Covent Garden has four productions in rep at any time, and four more in rehearsal. The theatre may be statistically more dangerous than banking, but it is almost certainly more fun.

Geraldine Bedell

11th October 1960.

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Over the fields and far away: a pastoral scene in the Peak District at Youghreave, Derbyshire

The great escapers

Driven by some perverse madness, tens of thousands of Britons will take to the roads this weekend in search of entertainment — undeterred by the certain knowledge of traffic jams, irritable, overheated children and exorbitant admission charges when eventually they arrive.

For those who must conform to this bank holiday compulsion that young and old go out to play, I would, as one who has consumer-tested more family outings than most, suggest that if you plan to visit a big, organized event you are guided by Baden-Powell and go prepared.

The alternatives are to stay put, or to seek a diversion far from the madding crowd. Here it is worth noting that the best ideas may, paradoxically, come from your regional tourist board. These produce a range of publications, including booklets itemizing hundreds of different places to visit, which should provide alternatives to the tripper traps. Many towns and cities also have Tourist Information Centres which, although they vary in quality, are generally well equipped to give information and advice.

Remember, too, the 11 National Parks and 38 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. These areas range in size from six to 72,250 sq miles in England and Wales alone, while Scotland has vast expanses of beautiful, unspoiled countryside. Should you wish to be within sight and sound of the coast, many AONBs include stretches of Heritage Coast, of which there are 850 miles in England and Wales.

As Britain prepares to drive itself to distraction, Judy Froshaug suggests days out far from the madding crowd

The Countryside Commission publishes several guides to the parks, AONBs, and Heritage Coasts, and the British Tourist Authority has an extremely useful guide to 59 walks in Britain. One of the best ways to discover your own, individual ramble, however, is still to buy an Ordnance Survey map: the Pathfinder series — 2½ inches to the mile — is the one to use.

Away from the coastline, hundreds of miles of rivers and canals are waiting to be explored. Narrow-boating is still an exotic treat, and from the deck or roof of a vessel you can survey miles of scenery invisible from the road. On the whole, inland boaters are a gentle breed, content to watch the world go by at pastoral pace — and since the average speed of a narrow boat is 3-4mph and lifebelts are supplied (or should be) neither safety nor sickness should be a problem. Boatyards hire by the week, weekend or day. The best source of information is the Inland Waterways Association, which publishes a guide with information about all waterways, how to hire boats and codes of practice. Alternatively, consult local trade directories.

Bird watching, as anyone who has lain flat in the grass with a pair of binoculars for hours on end will know, can become an obsession. It is also usually a solitary business and suited, if taken seriously, only to the most patient. Neverthe-

less, an outing to a bird sanctuary or wildlife reserve can reward the less dedicated. Last month the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds launched a scheme to offer bird-watching at close quarters in 11 sites throughout the country. Several sites entail sea trips — for example at Bridlington, Humberside, you can take a cruise to England's largest colony of cliff nesting birds. (Further information, 0522 535596). Contact your local branch of the RSPB, or ring the headquarters.

For those who prefer to abandon the tranquillity of their own garden in order to see someone else's, there are no fewer than 2,600 — some of which will be open over the bank holiday and serving teas and refreshments — listed in *The Gardens of England and Wales*. This is published by and in aid of the National Gardens Scheme Charitable Trust, and available from W.H. Smith and most bookshops at £1.50, or from the NGS at £2.25. This is an invaluable book. The range includes gardens of humble cottages and castles and there are descriptions of them all.

BR is promising a normal service over the weekend, with extra trains on busy routes. On Monday there will be a special service based on reduced weekday services on most lines and a "modified" service on the Southern Region and some East Anglian regions. Obviously lines leading to

the coast may be packed — but less well known destinations, such as the Medway Valley, Amberley, or Arundel, may provide the kind of gentle outing you are after.

Finally, if you decide to reject all calls to the wild, you may well be making the wisest choice. Cities please most when they are not busy, and inner cities in particular take on a new colour when all commuters have left. Inner and Greater London are richly endowed with parks and open spaces — Hampstead Heath, Kenwood and Primrose Hill to the north, Blackheath to the south, Epping Forest to the east and Richmond Park to the west. And then, too, there are the royal parks. In addition, many smaller London museums are open in the capital's historic houses.

● Countryside Commission, John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. For literature, send SAE to Countryside Commission Publications, 19-23 Albert Road, Manchester M19 2EQ. Regional Tourist Boards and TICs throughout the country. For London, Victoria Station Forecourt, London SW1 (071 730 3488); Scotland, Scottish Tourist Board, 19 Cockspur Street, London SW1 (071 930 8661); Wales, Wales Tourist Board, 34 Piccadilly, London W1 (071 409 0969). For numbers of Regional Tourist Boards: English Tourist Board, Thames Tower, Black's Road, London W6 (081 846 9000). The National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 (071 222 9251). Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Sandy, Beds (0767 680551). National Gardens Scheme, Hatfield Park, East Chandon, Guildford, Surrey (0483 211535). Inland Waterways Association, 114 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 (071-586 2556).

When Laila El-Essawy started her Islamic marriage bureau two years ago, it was in response to the growing needs of Britain's Muslim community, caught between the cultural impasse of their own traditions and the British way of life.

Their plight was highlighted this week by the case of the Asian bride who was awarded £20,000 in slander damages over suggestions by her ex-husband that she was not a virgin when they married. The woman, Zahida Seemi, aged 30, wanted her reputation vindicated in order to be accepted among her people in Pakistan. Without that public vindication, she felt that she would have no chance of remarrying.

Miss Seemi's case underlines the problems regularly encountered by the Asian community in Britain. "Young Asians who have grown up in this country have different expectations," says Anne Owens, general secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. "Young girls going to school here, for example, expect more control over their own lives." Most Asian marriages in Britain are, however, still arranged — and the main problem for Asian families is finding suitable partners for their children. It was for that reason that Hesham El-Essawy, an Egyptian dentist, suggested his wife start a marriage bureau in their London home.

Now the Matchmaker bureau has around 200 Muslims on its books, ranging from a millionaire property tycoon to a hotel receptionist. Mrs El-Essawy, aged 42, charges only the men — £100 to register and £500 for a successful marriage — and her introductions have resulted in five marriages.

Wedded to a strict culture

Arranged marriages and dowries are still central to the Asian community

When she started the bureau, Mrs El-Essawy assumed that it would be the men who contacted her, and that she would have to use her own contacts to find suitable women to whom she could introduce them. To her surprise she has almost as many women as men on her books. "She gets calls from parents almost begging her to find a

to us, and then they bring their children, and if we're satisfied that the youngsters are of suitable castes, educations and everything else, we introduce them," Mrs Qureshi says. She also gets contacted by youngsters who have made their own choice of partner and are afraid to tell their parents. "We act as the middleman and contact their parents. Sometimes there is a problem because the parents may have already arranged for a partner to come over from Pakistan."

If the parents refuse to accept that their child wants to marry someone of his or her own choosing, Mrs Qureshi contacts aunts, uncles, the entire family if necessary, in the hope of finding eventual acceptance. "We are very successful in that," she says.

Another problem is the controversial tradition of demanding dowries — particularly among the Hindu and Sikh communities, in which the woman's family may be expected to pay a dowry to the groom. The Islamic dowry system operates in reverse, with the husband's family paying a dowry to the bride. In India, the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961 attempted — mostly unsuccessfully — to stamp out the custom of dowries and the all-too-frequent resulting suicides on the part of the brides, but no such legislation exists in Britain. "Families are still asking for gold and cash from the girl's side, and since the girl lives with her in-laws she may be open to humiliation if the amount is not considered large enough," says the leader of one Asian woman's group in London. "Sometimes the marriage breaks up, sometimes the girl kills herself."

Asian marriages are made more complicated by the large number of sub-groups within the Muslim, Hindu and Sikh communities. "There are different restrictions in different communities," says Ms Owens. "For example, the Patels are expected to marry partners whose ancestors came from particular villages in India."

Writer Gai Eaton, one of Britain's most eminent Muslim converts and a spokesman on Islamic affairs, says: "You must remember that social mixing is still very much disapproved of and therefore, unless they defy their families and leave home, girls have very little opportunity to meet young men."

And, as has been demonstrated by Miss Seemi's High Court victory, virginity is still highly prized. "The question is — if a young girl is not a virgin at marriage, what has she been up to?" Mr Eaton says. "Muslims consider sex outside marriage a great sin."

Sally Brompton



Zahida Seemi: vindicated

Statism of the nation

ALL that is wrong with Congress's observation that bell has "no fury like a woman scorned" is that it overlooks men. When love is betrayed, all genders can behave in the most peculiar fashion. This week's illustration is the case of a young American couple, Mr and Mrs Robert Carrol of Ashland, Wisconsin.

Mr Carrol is a lorry driver in a land where the roads are long and the lot of a lorry driver's wife a lonely one. This may explain why he brought home a lodger, another lorry driver who was unemployed — until, that is, he met Mrs Carrol. The details of Mrs Carrol's special taste for gentlemen of vehicular expertise came out later at the Carrols' divorce hearing, held in one of America's up-to-date family courts.

The divorce was bitter. When it was all over, Mr Carrol went to his local District Attorney and pressed adultery charges against his former wife. In America many of the states have criminal laws against adultery on the books and Mrs Carrol, aged 28, now faces a possible two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 (£6,100) fine. The local District Attorney sees nothing wrong with responding to Mr Carrol's wish to disinter an archaic law. "There was strong evidence presented to me of a violation," he reported, citing the state of Wisconsin's interest in preventing adultery and stabilizing marriage and the family.

Anachronistic laws do occasionally loiter in the statute books, waiting for the sad or bad to conjure them into life. No doubt, America's adultery laws will eventually be declared unconstitutional, if only on the grounds that so many Americans actually practise adultery that any use of the law must be considered a selective prosecution. Still, the case does illustrate the wrath of unrequited love. A scorned lover is capable of all manner of things, and one only has to open a newspaper to see that some people will actually commit murder for literally no other reason than that their affections were rejected. I would be tempted to shrug it all and say that such things are simply one of the hazards of existence. When a human being is capable of engendering great affection,

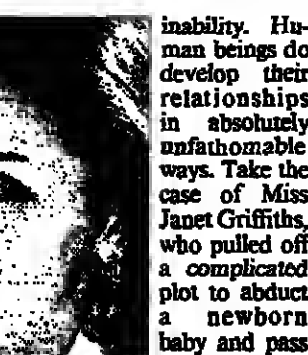
they take on the burden of possibly engendering hate.

That, I suppose, should teach both men and women not to toy with one another's affections. But in the end, when people establish themselves in a union, they ought to remember that just as falling in love is a two-way street, so is falling out of it. Unpleasant behaviour may occasion an unfair response. Sometimes, human beings, like Mrs Carrol, may just have to take the consequences that their fickle love-life creates.

The notion of personal responsibility for one's actions has not found favour in our society for quite some time. America has set up family courts to deal with all the little consequences of falling out of love, and there is a strong advocacy for such courts here. Let the state decide who gets the good china and what the penalty ought to be for a bruised heart.

For my part, I would advocate the very opposite of what we are now doing with our growing penology of conciliation services, social workers and complicated matrimonial laws. I think a case can be made that we should serve notice on people that when they go in and out of relationships they are to be left on their own. If they are old enough to attract a spouse, they will have to settle with them in their own way.

Children are another matter, of course, but one might be tempted to say that people who cannot make their own custody arrangements upon dissolution of marriage without recourse to the courts should automatically have to show cause as to why their offspring should not be taken away from them. Their inability to come to terms on that point demonstrates parental



BARBARA AMIEL

inability. Human beings do develop their relationships in absolutely unfathomable ways. Take the case of Miss Janet Griffiths, who pulled off a complicated plot to abduct a newborn baby and pass it off as her own to the married man with whom she was having an affair. Miss Griffiths, who strikes me as an immensely clever woman, pleaded guilty to a charge of kidnapping and has been placed in a mental hospital. In my view, the sentence assumes that she is not fully responsible for her acts, although how she carried out so precise a plan without a high degree of mental competence is beyond me. Meanwhile, her lover has abandoned his wife and their recently born baby to stand by Miss Griffiths.

To tell the truth, I cannot explain my own behaviour in matters of the heart, let alone that of others. Still, such puzzles have always demonstrated to me the sense of the law interfering as little as possible in relationships. The dynamics of how people pairbond and attach are real — quite in- comprehensible to outsiders, and outsiders should not be called upon to comprehend or pass judgement on them — until a criminal act is committed. And then, it should be pursued as any criminal act.

But during the past 150 years we have been flirting with a form of central organization for human beings which, for short, one can call statism. It has been promoted as much by conservatives as by socialists, and essentially it seeks to remove authority from individuals or individual units such as the family. The state will take over and tell parents how to bring up children from the moment the healthcare

worker comes on her compulsory visit to the home of every newborn child. The state told Mrs Gillick she could have no say in whether her 16-year-old daughter was given contraception or not.

At one time, when we had less knowledge of computer software, we had more understanding of the hardware of human nature. We allowed the family to raise its own children, and we placed value on the instincts of people for looking after their own. We did not try to undermine a sense of natural authority in adults or a sense of responsibility for their own welfare.

This authoritarianism was conducive to real freedom for the following reasons. Certain dangers that threaten human society, it seems, remain constant. Today we may refer to such dangers as the problems of broken homes, single mothers, "drop-outs" or drug addicts, but there is nothing new about all that. In the past such delinquencies were simply referred to as sloth, lust and gluttony. Today, we find it as difficult as ever to live with suicidal ex-wives, hungry children or vacant-faced addicts. But now that we are suspicious of "authoritarian" families, we call in the state to fill the vacuum of our moral responsibility.

And that vacuum has been filled. Who among us is responsible for his own sins? Distributive justice makes manufacturers responsible for the misuse of their products, rather than the people who misuse them. We try to outlaw substances or restrict advertising of products like tobacco or model aircraft glue. The state bans this, censors that and sets up advisory committees, youth bureaux and regulatory agencies. Adults become emasculated and increasingly dependent. The old taboos that society needs to survive are now administered by bureaucrats with even less understanding and sympathy than an authoritarian husband or next-door neighbour. Inevitably we arrive at injustice and state coercion.

In the end, people like Miss Griffiths may rely on a defence of mental illness when being judged for their crimes. We, too, as a society, may also plan on a plea of insanity when history considers its verdict on us.

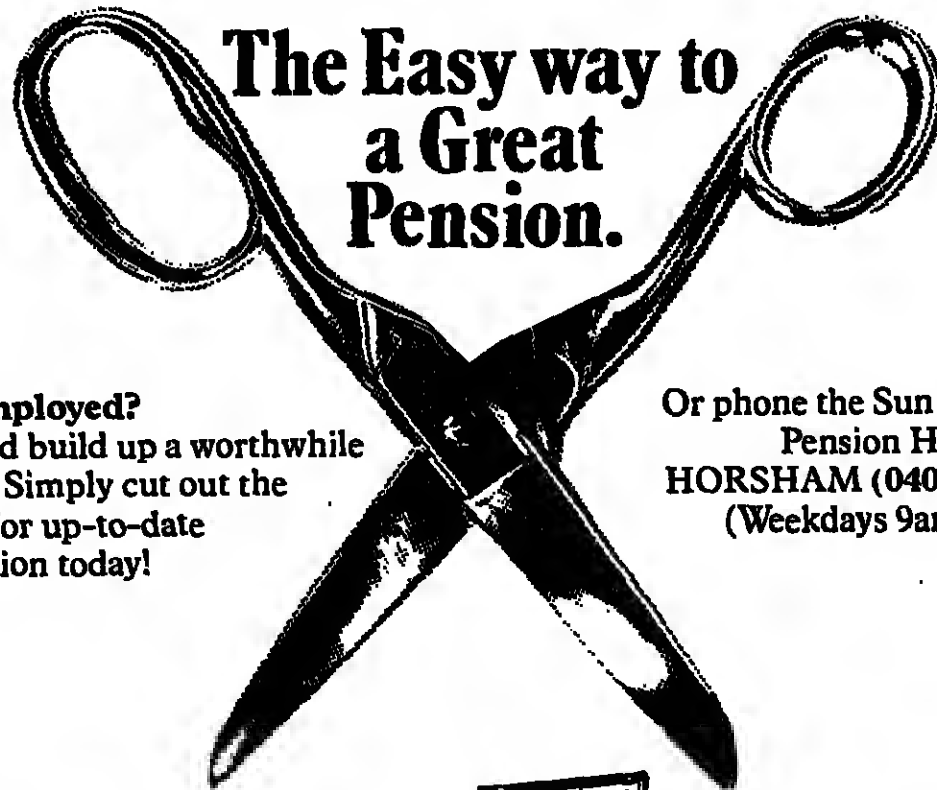
● The execution of two British officers in the central Asian town of Bokhara, midway through the last century, was described when the news reached this newspaper as "intelligence of the most disastrous and melancholy nature". The two men were players in what had come to be known as the Great Game, an adventure of spying and intrigue carried out principally

between British and Russia in pursuit of trade and territory. Often the Game became deadly serious, although taking risks was always an accepted specification for the work. In *The Times* tomorrow Peter Hopkirk tells of some of the more bizarre and heroic events of those

days, and illustrates how the seeds of violent unrest which have spread through parts of the Soviet Union today were sown during the Great Game years.

Also in the Review, Ray Connolly interviews Richard Harris, the actor, about his

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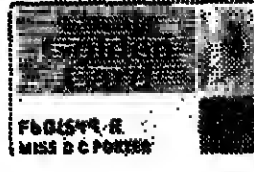
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8	(8) Holst: The Planets	von Karajan/BPO, Deutsche
9	(9) Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Kennedy/Hrte/ECO, HM
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11	(11) Lloyd Webber: Requiem	Dominye/Brigitte/Mars/ECO, HM
12	(12) Beethoven: Symphony No 5	von Karajan/BPO, Deutsche
13	(13) Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake Highlights	Ermler/ROH, Royal Opera
14	(14) Bruckner: Symphony No 7	von Karajan/BPO, Deutsche
15	(15) Vivaldi: Cello Concertos	Robinson/TGO/Hamoy, RCA Red Seal
16	(16) Mahler: Resurrection	Kaplan/LSO, Imp Classics
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18	(18) Puccini: La Bohème	Merutini/FPO/Webber, Philips
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readings of Chopin's Mazurkas Op 33, Scherzo Op 20 and *Andante Spianato* and Grande Polonaise, Beethoven's Piano Sonatas Opp 22 and 111. Barbican Centre (as above), Thurs, 7.45-9.45pm, £4.50-£20.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS (15): Richard Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of insecurity and corruption. Tired thriller, given some kick by British director Mike Figgis.

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BBC 1

6.00 Cee-fax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie May. News, business and sport, plus Peter Fiddick with a review of the morning newspapers. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air.
9.20 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford hosts the topical magazine show.
10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint (r).
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) 10.50 Bury. Cartoon (r) 10.55 Five to Seven. Patricia Routledge with readings from Julian of Norwich.
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air, presented by Eamonn Holmes.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine show 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Barker. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Cee-fax)
1.50 Rosalind Wiseman - More Than Meets the Eye. The Archbishop of Canterbury's wife shows Alan Titchmarsh round the garden of Lambeth Palace which she has turned into a shrine to raise money for charity. She recommends rhino droppings for great roses, and also reveals her marital and love for music.
2.25 Film: Marty (1955, b/w).
● Hollywood had good reason to hate television in the 1950s for taking away its audience, but the small screen also provided the cinema with a raft of new talent and several outstanding



Impeccable: Betsy Blair in Marty (2.25pm)

subjects. Marty was one of them, an intimate story which started life as a television play before making a triumphant transition to the cinema, winning four Oscars including Best picture. With John and Betsy Blair, both of whom came up through television, Marty charts the tentative romance which develops between Ernest Borgnine's Bronx butcher and Betsy Blair's shy schoolteacher after they meet at a dance. The performances are impeccable and the quiet naturalism of the piece gives it an authenticity far removed from the most of the products of the Hollywood dream factory.
3.50 Hockey World (r) 4.00 A Star is Born (r) 4.10 Around the World with Willy Fog. Cartoon adventures (r) 4.35 Eyespy. Two teams try to solve puzzling clues put to them by Christopher Rowe.
5.00 Newsround
5.10 Round the Twist. Episode four of

the enjoyable comedy drama from Australia about a widower and his children living in a haunted farmhouse. (Cee-fax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Cee-fax) Northern Ireland: Sportsweek 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Maura Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines.
Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Women. Making her contribution to the showbusiness chat is the redoubtable Hollywood actress Shelley Long.
7.45 'Allo 'Allo! The familiar Resistance jokes unashamedly recycled by Gordon Kaye and company (r). (Cee-fax)
8.10 Paradise. Spirited Western series with Lee Horsley and Sigrid Thornton. (Cee-fax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Barker. Regional news and weather
9.30 Bangkok Hilton. The final episode of the gripping, superior mini-series starring Denholm Elliott and Nicole Kidman. Kidman is Bangkok's prison lawyer charged with drug running, with the spectre of execution hanging over her, is unaware that the Englishman trying to facilitate her release is her long-lost, black sheep father. (Cee-fax)
10.55 James Taylor. The laid-back singer/songwriter performs some of his best, including Caroline and How Sweet It Is.
12.00 Film: Tales That Witness Madness (1973) starring Jack Hawkins and Donald Sutherland. Strange psycho-horror movie in which a psychiatrist urges four of his patients to relate Twilight Zone-type stories. With Joan Collins, George Brown and Kim Novak. Directed by Freddie Francis. 1.30am Weather

TV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Geoff Clark and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Russell Grant's sun signs.
9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts this word game for crossword lovers.
9.55 Thames News and weather.
10.00 The Time... The Place... Nisha Scott chairs a discussion on a current issue.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes items on the environment, fashion and gardening. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather.
12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets series for children (r) 12.30 Home and Away.
1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
Weather.
1.25 Thames News Election Special. Andrew Gardner assesses the election results in the Thames area, and gives the latest on today's Westminster and Kensington constituencies.
2.00 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama series 2.30 It's a Dog's Life. Today's programme investigates the new breed of owners taking up greyhound racing. There is also a look at dog agility competitions, which are taking place in the area. Presented by Veronica Chatterwood.
3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush hosts the light-hearted quiz which tests contestants' knowledge of stage and screen musicals. 3.25 Thames News and weather. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama series.

4.00 Owl TV. The children's wildlife programme jets off to the Seychelles, the home for thousands of giant tortoises. But the remote island on which they live is in danger of being engulfed by sea. Carole Chitty visits the sanctuary which is determined to save these creatures from extinction. (Oracle) 4.20 Disney's Duck Tales. 4.45 Fun House. Staple fun and games.
5.10 Home and Away (r).
5.40 News at 5.40 with Nicholas Owen. (Cee-fax)
5.55 071/081 for London. At midnight tonight, London's telephone numbers will be changed, allowing the numbers available to double. Michael Aspel discovers whether London's residents are prepared for the switch. 6.00 071/081 for London. Michael Aspel prepares London for the telephone number changes.
6.55 Through the Keyhole. Loyd Grossman snoops round two more celebrity homes and asks the nobby panel to guess the owners. David Frost points them in the right direction.
7.25 071/081 for London. Michael Aspel prepares London for the telephone number changes.
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Surgical Spirit. The Copeland Affair. Widescreening hospital comedy starring Duncan Preston and Nicholas McAuliffe. The new operating theatre assistant must go, insist Mrs Sabatini's workmates. Except for Copeland, whom the rest of the staff suspect of carrying on affair with the newly arrived German surgeon.
8.30 Brian Conley - This Way Up. More comedy from one of Britain's brighter

young talents. He is joined by Andrew Secombe and Jonathan Kydd in sketches, film items and musical medleys.
9.00 The Chief. Politics and power are the daily routine of Chief Constable John Stafford (Tim Pigott-Smith) in Jeffrey Caine's strong new police series. Anne Stewart (Karen Archer) tries to clear Stafford's name after his son is arrested for drug possession and he is charged into deeper trouble when he intercepts Special Branch files which are on their way to M5. (Oracle). Followed by 071/081 for London.
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gail and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather.
10.40 The London Programme. The day after the local elections, a look at the new political map in the capital.
11.10 The Beauty and the Beast. Adventures of a lawyer and her half human/half-beast minder from New York's netherworld.
12.05am We Got It Made. American comedy series starring Teri Copley and Tom Villard.
12.30 William Tell. More drama about the legendary Swiss hero.
1.00 The James Whale Radio Show. Another live and controversial show with the outspoken James Whale vividly abusing his brave phone-in callers. Followed by News headlines.
2.00 Cinema Attractions. Steve March brings the latest film news from Hollywood. Followed by News headlines.
2.30 Unsolved Mysteries. A look at some crimes which have completely baffled the American police.
3.30 Ice Hockey. Hartford Whalers v Pittsburgh Penguins.
4.30 Crusade in Europe (b/w). Paris under the Nazi occupation and the escape of the French.
5.00 TM Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Art of Landscape. Nature and penguins with soothing music.
6.30 The Channel Four Daily.
9.25 Schools.
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Science Street. Pre-school learning series.
2.00 IT for the Terrified. Information technology explained (r). (Oracle)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game with William G. Stewart in the chair.
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage comedy starring the scotch-trained Lucille Ball.
5.30 A Hundred Acres. What are the Scarp Wood buzzards, badgers and bunnies up to this week? Presented by David Ikin.
5.45 Painted Tales. Picasso's The Artist's Son brought to life.
6.00 Buzz. New young people's magazine series about the future and change all over the world.
6.30 Star Test. The return of the noisy computer that gaffing celebrities' innermost thoughts.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi.
7.55 Book Choice. Journalist/novelist Minette Martin reviews The Oxford Book of Humorous Prose, edited by Frank Muir. (Oracle)

8.00 Short Stories: Brendan's Boys. A documentary about the young, would-be boxing champions in a gym on the south side of Sheffield.
8.30 Hard News. Includes an examination of the growing influence of public relations in the British press; and, on the day after the local elections, how one tabloid appeared to play the anti-labour card by claiming that a man died of a heart attack after receiving a high poll tax demand from his Labour council.
9.00 Cheers. Quick-fire bar-room banter from the boys in the Boston boozier. (Oracle)
9.30 Gardeners' Calendar: Spring. Basic garden techniques on borders, beds and greenhouses. (Oracle)
10.00 Roseanne. Larger-than-life mother and family comedy, full of one-liners, starring Roseanne Barr.
10.30 Give Anderson Talks Back to Roy Hattersley, Julian Clary and Frank Carson.
11.20 By the Documentary. Be warned. This investigation into the controversial 'adult' comic is not always what it seems. Claiming a readership of five million people, VZ enjoys the endorsement of such luminaries as Mary Elfield, Auberon Waugh and Miles Paine. But its humour has been viciously described as invective, disgusting and obscene and its personalized attacks on television personalities and the royal family are said to go well beyond the limits of decency. One its victims, the chirpy television presenter, Keith

Chegg, claims that VZ has ruined his career and forced him on the dole. But wait a minute, isn't Cheggers lucratively employed by Sky Television? Surely he doesn't really have to scavenge on beaches to earn a crust, as the film suggests? But if this is a gag, I am reliably informed that there actually is a Mrs Shackley in Bristol who is writing consoling letters to Buckingham Palace after the latest VZ attack on Fergie. Who, though, is Philip Branson, presenter of the programme? Is he an independent reporter engaged on a fearless expose? Or could he be in collusion with the quartet who produce VZ?
12.20am Black Leather Jacket. A completion of the award winning Club X strand tracing the history of the always trendy jacket.
1.20 Buzz (r).
1.50 Star Test (r). Ends at 2.15



Presenter Philip Branson: in collusion? (11.20)

BBC 2

8.45 Open University. Ends 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 W. Minster
9.00 Look, Stranger. The poet Glyn Hughes is profiled (r).
9.25 Daytime on Two.
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 Weekend Outlook (r).
2.20 International Golf: Benson and Hedges International from St Mellion in Cornwall.
3.00 News and weather followed by Junior Darts. The final of the British Youth Darts championship.
3.40 The Vet. The life of Scottish vet George Raftery that became compulsive viewing when first screened 3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 International Golf.
5.10 Film: Living It Up (1954) starring Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin. Bright and energetic comedy about a lowly railroad attendant who finds himself famous when he accidentally ends up on a nuclear test site and is found to be radioactive. Watch out for the hilarious scene at the Yankee Stadium. Directed by Norman Taurog. Wales: Mosaic 5.45 9.15 5.15 Army Lives.
6.45 Gardeners' World from the Floraries, Belgium's floral extravaganza.
7.15 What the Papers Say with Barbara Jones of the Mail on Sunday.
7.30 Byways: The Gods and the Rivers. Human skulls and ancient weaponry line the river bed of the Thames. Richard Bradley attempts to find out why. Wales: Wales in Westminster; Scotland: Scottish Testimony; Northern Ireland: Calch of the Day; Midlands: The Balloon; Leeds: Local Election Special;

Newcastle: North Report; Manchester: Sportsround; Southampton: South on Two; Plymouth: Surfers Do It Standing Up; Bristol: A Racing Certainly.
8.00 Public Eye: The Divided Church. A look at the pressures which will have to be faced by the new Archbishop of Canterbury.
8.30 United.
● This edition on Sheffield United's apprentices does not have quite the grip of previous episodes, perhaps because much of what it offers must be fairly common knowledge even to those who do not follow football closely. Like most clubs, Sheffield has a network of scouts who scour the length and breadth of the United Kingdom for budding Lincolns and Robsons. Signed up at 14, the youngsters clean boots and scrub floors as they learn their trade. A few go on to become professionals but most have to be told that they have failed to make the grade. The most poignant part of the film is watching a disappointed young face as the bad news is imparted.
9.00 Rory Bremner. More satire and parody from the master of impressions. (Cee-fax)
9.30 Arena: The Ten Commandments of Krzysztof Kieslowski.
● With his series of television dramas which take the themes of the Ten Commandments and give them a contemporary twist, Kieslowski has established himself as Poland's leading film-maker. The sequence was planned during 1994 when communist rule seemed still unshakable and Kieslowski avoided direct political comment. As a documentarist working under state

control in the 1960s, he learned all about the stratagems of censorship. Ironically, by the time The Ten Commandments were ready for release, communism had been swept away but the moral issues treated in the films are as topical as ever. With its intelligent analysis of Poland's concerns and methods, the programme provides an ideal trailer to the showing of The Ten Commandments which starts on BBC2 on Sunday.
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather.
11.20 Jazz 625. Art Blakey, one of the world's leading jazz drummers, in a concert recorded in 1965.
11.55 Film: The Swimmer (1984, colour and b/w) starring Elijah Baskin and Rustan Mikaberidze. A humorous allegory of life in Georgia under three different political regimes as seen through the eyes of three generations of one family. Directed by Irakli Kvirikadze. In Russian with English subtitles. Ends at 1.15am.
Rory Bremner: master of impressions (9.00pm)

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TSB seeks a buyer for Target

THE TSB Group is to dispose of Target Group, one of its three insurance subsidiaries, and is inviting offers.

TSB paid nearly £230 million for Target in 1987, and went on to purchase the Hill Samuel Group later that year. Both deal in unit-linked life and pensions, and the sale of Target will end duplication. Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, will handle the disposal.

Target premium income in the year to September 1989 reached £212 million.

Bellway boost

Pre-tax profits of Bellway, the housebuilder, rose 8 per cent to £6.1 million in the half-year to January, limited by a £4.5 million provision against the value of its sites in the South-east. Mr Kenneth Bell, chairman, announced that Bellway has no borrowings. The interim dividend remains 4p.

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Austria	20.35	19.05
Belgium	68.00	58.10
Canada	1.995	1.895
Denmark	11.02	10.32
Finland	8.25	7.45
France	6.57	6.07
Germany	2.25	2.14
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Storehouse chairman will buy rights to his name
Conran steps down early

By Gillian Bowditch

SIR Terence Conran last night resigned as chairman of the troubled Storehouse group, 18 months earlier than expected. He will be replaced by Mr Ian Hay Davison, a non-executive director.

Sir Terence, who had planned to retire in October 1991, is to buy the Conran Shop, 18 months earlier than expected. The Conran Design Group, which he founded in 1956, is to be sold to Rux Seguela Cayzac & Goudard (RSCG), the French communications group, for about £1.5 million.

Sir Terence has been invited to become joint president of the RSCG Design group and will remain a non-executive director of Storehouse, which owns Mothercare, Habitat, B&S and Richards.

He said last night: "I had originally planned to retire next year, but the progress that has already been made under group chief executive Michael Julien and his team enables us to make the change earlier, especially as we have a man of Ian's quality prepared to step into my shoes."

"Given the opportunity to buy the Conran Shop and the invitation by RSCG to become joint president of their design division, it seems an appropriate time to reduce my group responsibilities." Those to the group say Sir Terence had already been easing himself out of the company he built up. In June

1988, Mr Julien took over as chief executive of Storehouse. In May 1989, Sir Terence vacated his office in the group's Tottenham Court Road London building amid speculation of a rift in his relationship with Mr Julien and moved to a new office in Butler's Wharf in London's Docklands. Sir Terence, who is the group's largest shareholder with more than 7 per cent, has seen the value of his holding fall from almost £120 million to £30 million.

Last night, he said he did not regret not accepting the proposed offer by Mountleigh, the property group, of 445p a share in 1987, despite the fact that the shares, at 101p, are at their lowest level for more than five years.

"Shareholders would never have seen the money. Black Monday would have intervened, and Mountleigh's shareholders would never have voted it through. All three sets of advisers at the time advised us very strongly not to accept it," he said.

He added that the best decision he had made at Storehouse was to appoint Mr Julien as chief executive. His regrets included the way the merger of the Habitat Mothercare group with B&S had been executed, but he said he did not regret the basic decision to put the businesses together.

Mr Julien said last night that he felt positive about all aspects of the business. "I think the move is a good one for Sir Terence. It's very

difficult for a man who has been chief executive to be kicked upstairs to speak. I think he has been frustrated. But we will still have his contribution to the board which, although not originally planned, is an excellent thing."

Mr Davison, has been a non-executive director of Storehouse since July 1988. He is chairman of Laing & Cruckshank, the broker, and a former deputy chairman and chief executive of Lloyd's of London. Mr Davison praised Sir Terence's role in "the retail revolution of the last decade."

He said: "The retailing sector is going through difficult times at the moment, but the underlying strengths of Storehouse's retail brands owe much to the flair and inspiration of Terence Conran."

Sir Terence is buying the Conran Shop for £3.52 million, including £2.92 million of inter-company debt. There is an additional deferred payment of up to £1 million or four times the amount by which profits for the two years to March 1992 exceed £800,000. For the year to March 1990, the Conran Shop made pre-tax profits of £506,000, up from £455,000, on sales of £6.9 million, up from £6.7 million. The store's net assets were £156,000. Sir Terence will also buy the rights to the Conran name.

The proceeds of the sale of the shop and the Conran Design Group will be used to repay borrowings.



Stepping out of a top job: Sir Terence in London's Docklands yesterday afternoon

Norwich Union to buy NZ state insurer for £257m

By Jon Ashworth

NORWICH Union is to buy New Zealand's biggest general insurance company, the State Insurance Office, from the New Zealand government for NZ\$735 million (£257 million).

The deal, NU's largest foreign acquisition, will give it a strong foothold in New Zealand's motor and household insurance market. State, with assets of NZ\$573 million, is responsible for nearly 25 per cent of general insurance written in the country. Premium income, net of reinsurance, was NZ\$232.9 million in the year to December 31.

Mr Chris Bascombe, NU's international actuary, was "delighted" with the deal. "It is not often that you get an opportunity to acquire a company that has performed as well as this one," he said. State was put up for sale last November, as part of New Zealand's policy of disposing of non-essential commercial assets. At least 25 insurance groups are thought to have expressed an interest.

Mr Peter Neilson, New Zealand's associate minister for state-owned enterprises, said the deal would save the government as much as NZ\$100 million a year in interest payments.

"At current interest rates, the sales proceeds of NZ\$735 million will cut the government's debt servicing bill by between NZ\$90 and NZ\$100 million a year."

The sale is conditional on the passing of the State Insurance Bill, seen as a formality. State will work alongside Norwich in New Zealand between NU and the Swiss insurance group, which con-

centrates on commercial general insurance.

NU, under Mr Allan Bridgewater, its new chief executive, also has a small life assurance operation in New Zealand it wants to expand.

Insurance analysts said NU appeared to have got a good price for State, but gave warning that it was very difficult for outsiders to break into the New Zealand insurance market.

The region came under scrutiny in June, 1988, when General Accident paid £264 million for a controlling stake in NZI, the New Zealand insurance and banking group. GA went on to make an agreed £112 million offer for the remainder of NZI in July 1989, but has been affected by losses in the banking division. NZI Bank showed a deficit of £47.6 million in 1989, contributing to a sharp fall in GA's pre-tax profits.

NU will finance the acquisition through UK funds and borrowings in New Zealand.

State made pre-tax profits of NZ\$52.7 million last year.



Bridgewater: expanding

Surprise at Philips' sharp fall in profits

By Wolfgang Münchau European Business Correspondent

PHILIPS, the Dutch consumer electronics firm, has been hit by an unexpectedly sharp fall in first-quarter profits, down from Fl 223 million (£72 million) to Fl 16 million.

The news, which took the Dutch stock market by surprise, sent the shares falling by Fl 4.10 to close at Fl 33.60.

The sharp fall also came amid warnings by Philips that full-year profits were unlikely to rise above the 1989 results of Fl 792 million, before disposal profits.

News of the profit warning marks a gloomy week for the Dutch stock market, following a warning by Daf, the Dutch truck maker, that it will incur losses of around Fl 20 million during the first half of this year.

Equity analysts were equally taken aback by the announcement. Mr Chris Hoonor, head of European sales and research at Kleinwort Benson, the securities firm, said: "Philips normally manages to let the bad news filter out, but what has happened now is almost beyond belief."

The company cited currency fluctuations as one of the main reasons of the downturn. This resulted in a 4 per cent drop in its lighting division. Philips also suffered from problems at its information systems unit.

The consumer electronics businesses improved both in sales and profitability, while the components division was hit by falling margins for colour television tubes.

During last year Philips reduced the number of employees from 308,000 to 293,000.

Coal Board offers tax-free trust to Globe shareholders

By Our City Staff

THE Coal Board pension funds are launching an index tracking investment trust to offer shareholders in Globe Investment Trust who accept their 191p a share bid.

The new trust will be available to accepting Globe shareholders as a tax-free switch, and its investment policy will be to track the performance of the FT-Actuaries All-Share Index.

Globe said it was seeking clarification of the proposed new alternative, and would be making its views known.

Mr David Hardy, Globe chairman, said the proposal had been "cobbled together," in response to the hostile

response from Globe shareholders. "They are offering a junk bond and a tracker trust. They wouldn't give those to their own pensioners."

The basic Coal Board offer, which has been rejected by the Globe board, remains at 191p a share, has now been supplemented by a loan note alternative.

The proposed new investment trust will have an initial life of three years, but will not go ahead unless £10 million of funds are committed to it.

Meanwhile, Mr Paul Whitney, the chief executive of CIN Management, which handles the Coal Board funds, has launched an attack on the hid

defence costs that he fears are being run up by Globe.

"I take exception to the costs being incurred on issues involving investment trusts in general. These costs will be borne by Globe assets. We believe it is not necessarily in shareholders' best interests."

Mr Whitney said he was also "very perturbed to see they were going to appoint Goldman Sachs as another adviser."

Mr Hardy replied that the costs were being incurred to protect shareholders' interests. "We would be able to save the money if they went back in their box," he said.

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Shares down at Wellcome despite sales

SALES of Retrovir, Wellcome's anti-Aids drug, rose to £88 million in the first half of the year, compared with £75 million in the previous six months and £59 million in the first half of last year.

The increase was a third higher than analysts expected. Wellcome's shares ended the day 21p lower at 655p when it became clear how much of the improvement in the results was due to the weak pound. The company said £45 million of the £153 million rise in sales to £733 million from continuing businesses was due to currency movements and the effect accounted for half the £36 million increase in pre-tax profits to £164 million.

Earnings rose 28 per cent to 11.5p and the interim payout has been maintained at 1.3p.

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TEMPUS

Retrovir still key to Wellcome growth

WHEN Wellcome came to the market just over four years ago, some commentators thought the offer for sale price of 120p had been set too high.

While wholly-owned by the charitable Wellcome Foundation, the company had developed many drugs to cure Third World diseases. But profit-maximizing pharmaceutical manufacturers need drugs which treat chronic conditions in wealthy countries and it was not entirely clear how Wellcome would respond to the new commercial pressures.

In the event, Wellcome has delivered more than enough to please its shareholders. Earnings per share have grown at an annual rate of about 30 per cent since flotation, a pace which continued — on the surface at least — in the first half of the current year.

Pre-tax profits and earnings rose 28 per cent to £164 million and 11.5p respectively in the 27 weeks to March 3. Although the figures were very close to expectations, profits had been boosted £18 million by currency movements and the shares eased 21p to 655p. Indeed, allowing for the extra week this time, the underlying growth in profits was only 10 per cent.

Nevertheless, analysts are still forecasting a full-year total of £370 million and another 30 per cent rise in earnings to 25½p.

Whether or not the shares should be on a prospective price

ratio of 26 depends crucially on the prospects for Retrovir, the anti-Aids drug, sentiment about which has given Wellcome's share price its step-like profile.

The share shot up from under 200p to about 500p at the start of 1987 when optimism about the drug began to spread. After trading in the 400p to 500p range for the next two years, they shot up again to 750p last August when studies were published showing that Retrovir delayed the onset of Aids.

The shares will only move up to the next step once it becomes clear that doctors are prepared to prescribe the drug to infected patients before the onset of the full-blown disease — and on that question the jury is still out.

Davies & Newman

DAVIES & Newman Holdings, the Dan-Air operator, might wince on hearing its shares labelled "a bit of a flyer", but after 1989 pre-tax losses of £3.34 million, and another two tough years ahead, prospects are up in the air.

The 1988 pre-tax profit was £9.92 million, and last year's setback was so severe that the final dividend is cut from 12.5p to 3.5p, leaving shareholders with 8p (17p) for the year.



Surprised: Fred Newman of Davies & Newman

The steepness of the profits dive took the company by surprise. After the traditionally weak first half, it was still expected 1989 would end in the black.

The board now says prospects for 1990 and 1991 "are hard to determine." The shares plunged 50p to 355p. In January, they stood at 775p. The severity of the profits fall follows cut-throat competition which held price increases in check in a market which struggled because of high interest rates.

Ironically, turnover was up — from £338.9 million to £375.8 million — as was the number of passengers carried. But at the operating level losses were £2.81 million after an accounting credit of £1.3 million, and figures were further helped by £5.13 million (£1.32 million) of aircraft sales.

The balance sheet ends the year stronger. A net £9 million pension fund benefit is taken to reserves, and there was a £4 million property revaluation. Borrowings fell by £20 mil-

lion, so gearing ratios look better.

Non-aviation activities, including shipbroking and travel and associated interests generally performed well.

Davies & Newman is also looking to "co-operate with other airlines" as 1992 dawns, but in profit terms it is going to be a touch-and-go year. A stated, but conservative, net worth of at least 550p gives the shares some interest, as will any deal with another airline buying in.

However, while shareholders should fasten their safety belts, potential investors should wait in the lounge.

Bellway

THERE can be few chairmen of quoted housebuilders who would not give their eye teeth to swap places with Mr Kenneth Bell, chairman of Bellway.

Not that the company is immune from the difficulties affecting housebuilders. It has joined the growing number raking provisions against land bought in the South-east which has fallen in value.

A £4.5 million provision was partially offset by a £500,000 profit on the sale of the company's remaining shares in Highland Participations. Pre-tax profits in the six months to January rose by 8 per cent to £6.1 million.

Just like everyone else, Bellway is finding its margins

being eroded in the stagnant South-east. Volume, too, is being hit. This year's completions are likely to fall short of the 1,700 homes it built last year.

But Bellway is different. First, there is the fact that following an already enviable interim interest charge of only £84,000, the company has subsequently reduced borrowings to zero, something akin to a housebuilders' dream.

Second, its traditional stamping ground is the North-east where, even if prices are showing signs of stabilizing, houses are still selling. It was the buoyant North-east that helped lift turnover 15 per cent to £59.2 million and help lift pre-tax and pre-exceptional profits 41 per cent to £10.2 million.

This year, the company intends to exercise its flexibility and build two-thirds of its production in the North, compared to the 50:50 split of only a year or so ago.

Assuming houses continue to sell in the North, the company might still make £16 million in the current year, giving earnings per share of about 33p, which might enable the board to do something positive about the ordinary dividend, unchanged at 4p a share at the halfway stage. At 179p, the shares, up 4p 00 the day, are on a p/e of 5.4. One to have if and when the sector is rerated.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Supplier to Crystalate may make rival bid

CRYSTALATE Holdings, the electronics group fighting a bid from TT Group, may have found a white knight. Dr Felix Zandman, president and chief executive officer of Vishay Intertechnology, of Pennsylvania, says that he is considering a rival offer to TTG's unwelcome £32.4 million bid, and is planning to file notification with the US authorities. Dr Zandman promises a decision from Vishay by May 28, a week after the Takeover Panel deadline by which Crystalate must release all material information in its defence against TTG.

Vishay, which reported sales of more than \$400 million in 1989, already has a commercial relationship with Crystalate, which it supplies with resistors and strain gauges for distribution and resale. And Crystalate said yesterday that it was "seeking clarification" of Vishay's intentions. Crystalate shares rose 4p to 79p.

Pennant sells at a discount

PENNANT Properties, which earlier announced pre-tax losses of £4.8 million, has sold a portfolio of properties at substantial discount to book value. The company has contracted to sell the office and shop portfolio to a joint venture between Thorstone Securities and Independent Estates for £15.25 million. Last June, the building were valued at £24.3 million, suggesting the value of the property has dropped by 37 per cent.

Leeds rises to £1.8m

THE shares in Leeds Group, the textile processor, advanced by 25p to 195p after the company revealed pre-tax profits ahead by 26 per cent to £1.8 million to the six months to the end of March. Group turnover, increased by 18 per cent to £15.4 million helped by acquisitions and strong exports. Earnings per share rise by 24 per cent to 11.4p, and the interim dividend is improved to 3.0p, against 2.7p last time.

Petrocon acquisitions

WALKER Greenbank has sold a string of subsidiaries for a total £2.7 million to leave the group "totally geared." Didsbury Engineering has been sold to its management, and three other companies have been disposed of to Petrocon, the new vehicle of Mr Roger Pinnington, the former head of UBM and Pilgrim House.

Petrocon is also buying Doows Engineering, a Cheshire based valves group, lifting its spending on the day to £1.6 million. The deals will be financed by a £3.5 million rights issue, of eight shares for 17, at 41p a share. Hillsdown Investment Trust, with 17.7 per cent, has said it will take up its rights.

P&P to buy for £3.5m

THE micro computer service company P&P is buying Perio Systems, the workstation and computer systems specialist, for an initial £3.5 million, with a further £1 million depending on future profits. The initial consideration will be satisfied by the issue of 1.55 million new ordinary shares in P&P, of which 1.46 million new ordinary shares are being placed at 215p per share, to realize £3.15 million for the vendors.

Mountleigh £37m sale

MOUNTLEIGH, the property group now guided by the American duo of Mr Neilso Peltz and Mr Peter May, has sold a Rotterdam office building for £37 million. The 340,000 sq ft building has been bought by a Dutch property group. Mountleigh's new management is thought to be working closely with Mr Paul Bloomfield, the man who originally brought a number of deals to Mountleigh when it was under Mr Tony Clegg.

Looking at the 56

TWO years after the Financial Services Act came into operation, there are still 56 firms, which are only interim authorized. Details of what you might find out about some of the firms are included in Family Money tomorrow.

The high cost of funerals is being used to sell life in-

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insurance policies to middle-aged people but the policies do not guarantee that they will cover the cost of a funeral. Family Money details how homebuyers can be protected from losing deposits.

Chairman to step down at Burmah

MR JOHN Maltby is stepping down as chairman of Burmah Oil to July.

He will be succeeded by Mr Lawrence Urquhart, the group chief executive since 1988, who will combine the offices of chairman and chief executive.

Mr Urquhart, aged 54, joined Burmah as group finance director in 1977.

Mr Urquhart took over as chief executive of Castrol in 1982.

Mr Maltby, aged 61, was appointed chairman in 1983 after joining the group in 1980.

He relinquished the executive role in 1988.



Urquhart taking over

Ford and GM in setback

From John Durie, New York

THE two leading motor vehicle producers in the United States, General Motors and Ford, yesterday reported sharply lower profits due to the slump in the US car industry.

General Motors (GM) reported a \$710 million first-quarter profit, down from \$1.5 billion, with sales cut from \$33.2 billion to \$30.1 billion.

Ford reported a first-quarter profit of \$506 million, down from the first-quarter 1989 \$1.6 billion, on a fall in sales from \$25.9 billion to \$23.6 billion. Ford cited its industrial problems in Britain as a major reason for its slump in foreign car profits, down from \$541 million in first-quarter

1989 to \$1.55 million in first-quarter 1990.

British factory sales for Ford fell over the period from 131,929 vehicles to 117,985.

Ford's German production was also down from 265,789 vehicles to 256,657.

Overall, Ford factory sales dropped 26 per cent, and, for the first time in recent years, Ford's share of the US market fell, by 0.5 per cent to 21.8 per cent of the US market. By contrast, General Motors, which has lost market share steadily to Ford in recent years, had a 0.7 per cent rise in US market share to 35.2 per cent.

GM sales worldwide were down 13.7 per cent, but the company cited record sales in

Europe as a positive factor in the quarter. It does not break down sales by country, but factory sales outside North America rose from 597,000 vehicles to 648,000, mainly due to progress in Europe.

Mr Robert Stempel, GM chairman, said: "First-quarter earnings reflected North American production adjustments into better balance with overall demand, while improved efficiencies in GM's North American operations offset the adverse impact of higher selling expenses."

Chrysler this week reported first-quarter profits down from \$351 million to \$71 million.

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The Guinness trial

Accountant refused to alter confidential payments list

By A Correspondent

A GUINNESS accountant refused to alter, on ethical grounds, a list of expenses covering the £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers after a government inquiry was launched, a Southwark Crown Court jury was told.

Mr John Ormerod was ordered to "restate" the £25 million of confidential payments on the schedule of expenses he had listed under the heading "consultancy and financial support."

He told the court the request came at a meeting with Mr Alan Bailey, Guinness

chief accountant, and Mr Keith Hamill, Price Waterhouse auditor.

The court heard a final draft of the acquisition expenses was made in September 1986.

Mr John Chadwick, QC, prosecuting, asked where he obtained the information to put together the unusual payments under the heading.

Mr Ormerod replied from Mr Bailey, who told him to head the payments as financial support.

Mr Ormerod said Mr Bailey did explain they were confidential payments and added:

"It was my idea to put them together in one paragraph to draw attention to these things." And he agreed certain payments were listed to "AN Other" because he was not told who they were from, or when they would arrive.

Mr Chadwick asked: "Is it usual to include items to AN Other?" The accountant replied: "Absolutely not."

Mr Ormerod said at a later meeting he was asked to restate the schedule, which he was told would be of interest to the Department of Trade inspectors, and would make it more

Davies & Newman slides to £3m loss

By Colin Campbell

DAVIES & Newman Holdings, the quoted group that operates Dan-Air, is seeking co-operation with other airlines because of the intense competition within the industry, after diving into the red.

The airline said it had already been in talks with "various" parties, ahead of what it expects to be a period of further restructuring within the industry.

The group said Dan-Air was likely to maintain its share of the charter market at between 15 and 20 per cent of the 10 million people expected to take overseas package holidays in 1990, but would "continue to have a difficult year."

Davies & Newman swung from a £9.92 million pre-tax profit to a £3.34 million loss for the year ended December, though turnover rose from £338.9 million to £375.8 million.

The group has cut its final dividend from 12.5p to 3.5p a share, leaving the year's payment at 8p (17p). Davies & Newman shares fell from 405p to 355p.

Its charter division achieved a £227 million turnover.

During the year, there were 28 jet aircraft offering 4,600 seats in operation, carrying 4.5 million passengers. This was only 1 per cent down on previous figures in a market which declined 7 per cent.

The scheduled services division carried 1.8 million passengers, compared with 1.3 million previously.

COMMENT

Coal Fund emissions cause Global warming

The prize for the most inappropriate quotation to be used as part of a bid defence goes this morning to the Association of Investment Trust Companies. The AITC has called upon the words of the late President Kennedy to buttress its ridiculous case for the British Coal Pension Funds' bid for Globe Investment Trust to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission: "The problem of power is how to achieve its responsible use rather than its irresponsible and indulgent use — of how to get men of power to live for the public rather than off the public."

Ho, hum. Do not investment trust managements live off the public? Is it not the public's money, directly or indirectly, which supports the management of Globe? Pass.

enters the discussion as to whether or not they should be bid for.

The AITC, prompted by Globe, says that the MMC should get involved because of a reduction in choice, but the fact is that most trusts' shares trade at a discount. That says more about the need for the number of trusts to be maintained than any amount of AITC rhetoric.

But if the AITC is generating more heat than light, so are the Coal Funds. It really is a bit rich for the Coal Funds to be complaining at this stage about the potential costs of the bid defence, when they themselves are causing the costs to be incurred. The Coal Funds are takeover proof, and cannot be expected to understand the passion with which directors defend their companies. And that which they do not understand they should not criticize.

At the end of the day, despite all the noise, the outcome of the bid will be determined by the professionals. If the market falls, then the 3 per cent discount to assets at which Coal Funds have set the bid will narrow, and the bid, currently marginal, will become progressively more attractive. If the Footsie index should slide below about 2050, Coal Funds will be buying at a premium. At that point, there would be a rush for the exit. And if the market bounces up now the local elections are out of the way, King Coal's 191p will be left in the dust.

The right of the trade association to spring to arms when the independence of its largest member is threatened cannot be questioned, but the notion that it is a matter of public interest whether or not Globe is taken over by a pension fund is hard to sustain. "Our case," says the AITC, "is simple. Tax privileged pension funds should not be predatory."

Why not? The fact that pension funds enjoy tax privileges is related to the job they do for their pensioners and future pensioners: it is not some kind of perk for being good citizens. It could be argued that investment trusts, which have privileges of their own, should be given equal treatment, but that hardly

EC's inner circle on targets

The two-tier monetary Europe which has been the likely outcome of the Delors proposals ever since they emerged is beginning to take practical form. A committee of officials has drawn up a blueprint for agreement by central bank governors under which a central core of EC countries would agree and announce comparable targets for growth in the money supplied, broadly defined. Other EC countries would not participate.

country have moved away from targeting broad money in favour of targeting narrow money as financial deregulation has made broad money increasingly difficult to interpret. Most continental countries have yet to deregulate to the same extent as Britain. When they do they may find they run into the same problems.

More generally it is not easy to imagine that growth in any measure of money will always give a reliable indication of inflationary pressures or that distortions in different countries will run in parallel. A global Goodhart is needed to spell out Goodhart's law that as soon as you target a particular aggregate it ceases to behave in the way it used to.

The EC paper speaks of a "public relations effect" which would keep member states to their targets. This is similar to the "weight-watchers" club" proposed by IMF Economic Counsellor Jacob Frenkel at a world level. But different countries can have different views about which parts need slimming. Britain may be right to wait and see how monetary co-ordination works before plunging in.

David Brewerton

Pepe gives profit alert

PEPE, the USM clothing company with 10 per cent of the market for jeans in Britain, saw its shares fall 25p to 143p, their lowest since 1986, after it gave warning that pre-tax profits for the year to March will be lower than expected.

Mr Tony Reading, managing director, said profits would be down on the £12.8 million of the year to March, 1989, but not less than £10.5 million. He said that increases in sales seemed to have been at the expense of profits.

Pepe made £6.64 million, up 9 per cent, in the first half.

Disney delight

Shares in Euro Disneyland closed 20p up at £10.93 yesterday on a further investment of £1.4 billion (£150 million) to expand the Paris project's Magic Kingdom park, taking investment in the project's Phase 1A to £16.3 billion.

Ropner rises

Pre-tax profits at Ropner, the mini-conglomerate, rose 43 per cent to £7.51 million in the year to end-December, helped by a one-off advance in the property division. The final dividend rises to 4.5p (4.25p), making 7.5p (7.25p), after 16.8p earnings, up 41 per cent.

Holt recruited

Mr Robert Holt, outgoing chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur, is to be chief executive of ASB Barnett Kinnings, the Third Market recruitment company. It announced plans to raise £575,000 from a rights issue, 1989 pre-tax losses of £254,000 (against £188,000 profits last time) due to expansion moves, and USM entry.

Opec agrees output cut



Qatari Hamad bin Jasim Al-Thani, left, and Saudi's Hisham Nazer at the meeting

OIL prices rose briefly yesterday before falling back again after ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to cut oil output by a combined 1.44 million barrels per day (Colin Narborough writes).

Traders initially welcomed the agreement, but were disappointed when details showing the size of the cutbacks were made public.

M. Sadek Boussena, Opec president, unveiling the agreement in Geneva, said it foresees the main over-producers — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates — curbing production to agreed levels. The others would also reduce output.

Output persistently in excess of the agreed 22.1 million bpd Opec ceiling has flooded the world market, sending prices 25 per cent lower this year. The new cuts will only reduce output to 22 million bpd. Last month, Opec pumped over 23 million bpd.

Opec is planned for July 25, when production and pricing policy will be set for the rest of the year.

M. Boussena, the Algerian oil minister, gave no breakdown of the output cuts but said the organization was convinced that the move would withdraw a "big quantity" from the market, hopefully restoring prices.

The deal was seen as probably sufficient to stabilize prices, or at worst prevent any further serious slide. A recovery in the oil price will not necessarily benefit the British trade balance as it is used to in the 1980s, given the reduced oil exports due to North Sea accidents and maintenance programmes due this summer.

The agreement, reached on the second day of an emergency Opec session, is effective from the beginning of this month until the end of July. A mid-year session of

French buy into the UK glass market

By Wolfgang Münch, European Business Correspondent

SAINT-GOBAIN, the acquisitive French conglomerate, is expanding its position in the UK glass market through the £96.5 million acquisition of the building glass division of Solaglas International, the glass distributor.

The deal is one of "vertical integration", already common in West Germany and France, but not yet in the UK.

As part of the deal Solaglas,

a subsidiary of Plate Glass and Shatterproof Industries, a South African company, has bought Saint-Gobain's 145 car windscreen replacement outlets in Germany and France for £16 million. As a result, the Solaglas division Autoglass is set to strengthen its position within Europe.

Saint-Gobain, a French state monopoly until less than four years ago, has become

increasingly assertive recently, as evidenced by its successful \$2 billion bid for Norton of the US this year.

The move puts pressure on Pilkington, the British glass maker, which now witnesses one of its largest competitors moving into the UK distribution trade.

Solaglas is the second biggest distributor of flat glass in the UK, following Heywood

Williams. Speculation is now ripe that Pilkington may opt for a "knee-jerk reaction" by moving in on Heywood Williams.

Saint-Gobain completed the deal through its Belgian subsidiary, Glaceries de Saint-Roch. Saint-Gobain will also own the Solaglas brand name. As a result the present Solaglas company will soon change its name.

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All is well with Wells

THE imminent return of financial PR man Peter Binns has brought to light the whereabouts of another highly regarded City figure. For the man who helped unravel the tangle of Binns firm, Binns Cornwall, after it had effectively disintegrated, was none other than Nick Wells, one of the architects of Blue Arrow's ill-fated £837 million rights issue. Wells, aged 35, who left County NatWest's corporate finance department in 1988 to join BZW — the aforementioned rights issue took place in 1987, while he was still at County — was one of 11 arrested in November last year. But with the trial not expected to begin until 1991, he has been keeping himself busy. Michael Ashcroft, of ADT, has loaned him an office in his Berkeley Square headquarters, and Wells has been using that as a base to act as a consultant to a growing list of companies. "ADT has given me office space and I acted as a go-between, between Ashcroft and Binns, since Ashcroft had a stake in his business," Wells confirms. His presence at ADT could have interesting implications for Ashcroft's 9 per cent stake in BAA. After all, County advised the Department of Transport on BAA's privatization.

Bridge raisers

STEVE Burnham and Malcolm Stevenson, the founders of flourishing international derivatives market-maker Cresvale, not only know the Japanese warrant market in-

side out, they also know a sure fire way to impress their many Japanese visitors. In their luxurious offices within the Hays Galleria complex, hugging the south bank of the Thames, their main luncheon room has a commanding view of both the river and Tower Bridge. "If you look into the Daily Telegraph you can find out exactly what times the bridge will be raised and just a few seconds before we always ask our Japanese guests if they would like us to give them a demonstration," reveals Burnham. "Then, with great ceremony, we pretend to press a button in a corner of the room and... the bridge goes up. They are always terribly impressed."

Grinding delay

DON Carter, the former proxy battle king of Wall Street — who sold his controversial Carter Organisation to VPI Group, the British PR firm,



"The British Coal pension funds have made some additions to their offer."

Rate for the job

INSIDER dealer Dennis Levine, whose testimony triggered the conviction of Ivan Boesky and inquiries into Michael Milken, has added freelance journalism to his new post-jail businesses of financial consultant and college lecturer. Under a by-lined piece in this month's Fortune magazine, the man who turned \$39,000 into \$11 million by illegal share trading — which he says eventually became an addiction — extols the virtues of the American judicial system but says he is not convinced that prisons (where he spent 18 months) are a cure for society's ills. Levine says he resisted repeated invitations to join Boesky's deal-tipping ring "for weeks." Of the man who once said "greed is good," he added: "He had such an insatiable desire for information that he would call me up to a dozen times a day."

Levine forfeited his \$11 million in fines and restitution. But, according to Fortune, he was paid the usual freelance rates for the article.

Perfect team

IF YOU cannot beat them, poach them... Stephen Raven, chairman of inter-dealer broker Garban, has diversified into Japanese government bonds by poaching the top-rated four-man JGB team from Fundamental Brokers Inc — part of the troubled British & Commonwealth group. The team, led by Martin Perfect, also comprises Les Commons, Tim Johnson and Mike Crane, and between them they handle some 70 per cent of the JGB market in Britain. "We have tried to get into JGBs before, but we couldn't because the Japanese were happy with the service they were already being offered by FBI," says Raven, who is also a member of the Stock Exchange Council, the Trading Markets Board and the 1992 Committee. Raven, who joined Garban in June, has turned it into the largest JGB firm in London, covering equities, convertibles, debentures, gilts and now JGBs. His next move will be into Europe.

ACCOUNTANTS are known for tenacity, as the Institute of Chartered Accountants has discovered. For its building in Moorgate Place has a ghost — a Victorian man sporting mutton chop whiskers and a top hat, who stalks the Great Hall at night. He is thought to be Joseph Satterly, institute president in 1890.

Carol Leonard



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Poll tax upheaval hits civil engineers

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

POLL tax uncertainties are helping to dampen new work demand for Britain's £10 billion-a-year civil engineering industry, whose latest workload trends survey shows contractors marking time when they expected to see a surge in road construction and work for the utilities, such as water.

About 50 firms belonging to the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (FCEC) — a third of those surveyed in the first quarter of this year — reported hesitancy among local authorities about their plans for spending on roads. The councils blamed not knowing what they could expect to have coming in from the community charge.

Mr Jack Bowen, the FCEC's deputy director general, said: "The industry seems to have hit a hiatus — we are on a plateau when we expected to see things moving up."

Other factors were also affecting demand, he said. "There is still uncertainty over the timing of the national roads programme," he said. "Additional work from the water industry is also patchy, coming through in some regions and not in others."

In the last FCEC quarterly survey, in January, there were signs of an early increase in the workload. However, that optimism has evaporated, leaving firms mostly marking time.

There is worry over returns showing that bigger firms, with workforces of more than 1,000 — the size of operation that accounts for the bulk of civil engineering work — seem to have been worst hit. Only 33 per cent are reporting order books better than 12 months before, against 46 per cent which were more optimistic at the beginning of the year. On a six-month comparison, 54 per cent of the big firms reported improved order books in January, but now only 20 per cent are doing so.

Overall, 31 per cent of contractors reported better order books this time compared with 12 months before, a slide from the 39 per cent recorded in January.

Continuing pressure on profit margins is being felt, with more FCEC members saying these were being squeezed. Net margins in the industry are typically about 1 per cent. The toll in workload is blamed for this, although it has had some good effects in contributing to an improved supply position for labour, materials and plant.

However, nearly a third of contractors reported costs rising faster than 12 months ago. Mr Bowen said that there was no doubt that more work would arise because of the commitment by the Government and others to improved infrastructure. He said: "All the signs are that contractors should see an increase in workload before this year is out. The planned spending figures for roads and for investment by the water authorities leave no doubt about that."

Japan ready to slow foreign aid over issue of IMF rank

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

JAPAN has given warning that its spending on foreign aid could slow down if its envoys come home empty-handed again from next week's meeting in Washington of the International Monetary Fund.

It wants a higher ranking in the IMF to more fully reflect its economic muscle. After months of huffing and puffing by Japan's industrial allies, a breakthrough seems likely, though still not guaranteed. Tokyo is losing its patience.

Mr Makoto Utsumi, an outspoken and senior Finance Ministry official, said that with so many Japanese MPs complaining that Japan does not have a voice in world bodies in line with its contributions, aid-related Bills could face a sluggish journey through parliament if the IMF

meeting proves a disappointment. Japan is the world's second biggest aid donor after America. Tokyo plans to hand out \$10.66 billion in aid this financial year.

Progress at the IMF meeting on Monday and Tuesday would not only pacify parliament. It would prepare the ground for what Japan really wants: a Japanese head of the IMF, instead of the succession of Europeans that have monopolized the job since the Second World War, and a clearer international recognition that Japan counts.

After much foot-dragging there now seems to be a consensus on increasing the IMF's resources of \$120 billion, paving the way for Japan's promotion. Voting rights in the IMF are geared to members' quotas and Japan

wants to use a subscription increase to raise its stake and vault from fifth into second place, just behind America. But Japanese officials wonder whether its allies will stand by their pledge for a re-shuffle at the IMF top table, which was supposed to have been completed by the end of last year.

There is another hitch. At a time of belt-tightening in Washington, the US Congress is making it known that any increase in the IMF's funding will not sail past it easily. The expected increase of about 50 per cent, or \$60 billion, in the IMF's resources would leave Washington with a bill for \$12 billion. That is a big sum alongside the other demands for help from the World Bank and Eastern Europe.

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Germans may be hostile

By Wolfgang Münch, European Business Correspondent

WEST German companies might have to participate increasingly in hostile takeover bids in the next few years according to Herr Gunther Steffens, general manager of the London branch of Dresdner Bank, West Germany's second largest bank.

Speaking at a seminar organized by Gresham College, the City think tank, he said: "We don't like the hostile approach to companies, but perhaps we have to learn to change."

His comments mark a change of attitude by one of Germany's establishment

banks. Last year, in an interview with *The Times*, Herr Steffens defended Dresdner Bank's reluctance to act in hostile takeover situations.

However, the increasing assertiveness of West Germany's financial and corporate sectors is unlikely to change the standing of the City of London as Europe's leading financial centre.

Although Herr Steffens forecasts an increase in Frankfurt's role as a European financial centre, this would not necessarily happen at the expense of London.

"The City is recognized as

being the main financial centre in Europe. And it will continue to pool the international capital... The skills in the City are second to none," he said.

He also tried to dispel fears that West German banks and companies would turn a blind eye towards Western Europe in the wake of German reunification. West Germans, he said, would continue to invest heavily within the EC.

However, he called on British banks and companies to participate in the restructuring of Eastern Europe and East Germany in particular.

PWS climbs to £2.5m

NICK GOLDFINGER



Rights way to recovery: Malcolm Pearson aims to cut debts by more than a half

PWS Holdings, the reinsurance broker recovering from a management shake-up two years ago, raised half-time profits 43 per cent to £2.54 million in the six months to end-March.

Mr Malcolm Pearson, the chairman, also announced a 30 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 1.3p per share, and a £3.37 million fund-raising rights issue, which will substantially reduce the debt burden built up during the takeover spree undertaken by the previous management.

The rights issue, on the basis of one new share for every four held, will cut borrowings from £6.6 million to £3.24 million, said Mr Pearson. The new shares are to be offered at 59p, against

last night's 70p close, up 3p on the day. Mr Pearson said brokerage income rose 7.6 per cent to £8.5 million and that before interest and exceptional items, profits were almost 50 per cent higher than in the comparable period last year.

During the financial rebuilding of the group, debt repayments exceeded the planned levels, and shareholders' funds more than doubled last year to £14.4 million.

The further strengthening of the group's financial position would give existing clients increased confidence and help to win further business, said Mr Pearson.

There would be a reduction in the level of interest paid, which the board considered important in view of the

continuing high level of interest rates, he added.

Jupiter Tarbutt Merlin, the fund management group, was taking up its rights to 29.9 per cent of the new shares being issued. The balance of the issue was being underwritten by Laing & Cruickshank, which has been appointed broker to the company.

The board forecasts a final dividend of 1.7p a share, which would result in a 20 per cent rise in the total payout for the year. Earnings per share climbed 39.2 per cent to 10.3p per share.

Mr Pearson said Baroness Cox of Queensbury and Mr Michael Heathcoat Amory, managing director of Jupiter Tarbutt Merlin, had been appointed non-executive directors.

Third bid to block Maxwell

THE Australian National Companies and Securities Commission (NCSC) will apply to the Federal Court in Perth this morning in a third attempt to halt the sale of Mr David Aspinall's strategic block of Bell Group shares to Mr Robert Maxwell, the publishing magnate.

This follows yesterday's setback for the NCSC in the Federal Court in Melbourne, where it failed to have Bell restrained from registering the sale to Mr Maxwell of 48 million Bell shares, representing 14.9 per cent of Bell's capital, at one cent each.

Bell's main asset is *The Western Australian* newspaper.

The court heard that an injunction preventing the share sale, issued in favour of the NCSC on Wednesday night, was worthless because the sale had taken place a few minutes before the order was made.

Propeller up to £1.02m

Propeller, the leisurewear distributor which moved from the Third Market to the USM a year ago, made pre-tax profits of £1.02 million, up from £703,000, for the year to end February but an extraordinary charge of £539,000 meant retained profits fell from £628,000 to £286,000.

Sales rose from £9.46 million to £14.2 million and earnings per share rose from 5.53p to 6.84p. The dividend is increased by 20 per cent to 0.6p. The shares rose 5p to 33p.

No referral

The Department of Trade and Industry said it would not be referring the proposed \$65 million acquisition by Harrissons and Crossfield of Pfizer Pigments to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Noble Raredon to raise £5m from new shares issue

By Philip Pangalos

NOBLE Raredon, the leisure, textiles and photographic group run by Mrs Bilge Nevzat, younger sister of Polly Peck's Mr Asil Nadir, plans to raise £5.2 million through a placing and open offer, mainly for use for expansion into Poland.

The company plans to issue 6.78 million new ordinary shares at 80p per share, which are being conditionally placed, pending extraordinary general meeting approval, with institutional investors by Paribas and Stock Beech Securities. The entire issue will be made available to shareholders under the open offer, on the basis of seven new shares for every 20 held.

The company said part of the proceeds will be used to consolidate its investment in the leisure sector by the purchase of the minority interest

in Sunset View, the group's holiday village on the Turkish Aegean coast, and in expanding the group's overseas trading activities.

Mrs Nevzat said the bulk of the proceeds will be used to establish a plant to meet demand by the food sectors in Poland for packaging materials and corrugated cardboard boxes, by means of a majority stake in a joint venture.

The project is expected to cost about £6 million. Of this, the company would fund about £4 million out of the proceeds of the placing and negotiate facilities to cover the balance.

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Brazil

BRAZIL has been negotiating with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a loan to help it deal with its economic problems. The IMF has agreed to provide a loan of \$1 billion, but this is subject to certain conditions. Brazil must implement a series of reforms, including privatisation and cuts in public spending. The IMF also wants to see a strengthening of the legal system and improvements in the quality of public services. Brazil is expected to accept these conditions in order to secure the loan.

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Leisure Investments joins a growing casualty list

End of casinos winning streak

High interest rates, falling property values and the decline of the high roller have taken their toll on Britain's gambling meccas. Angela Mackay reports

FOR a sector aimed at providing enjoyment, parts of the leisure industry have little to be relaxed or happy about.

Over the past two years, revenues have become patchy across the board but in casinos it has become deadly with the passing of the high rollers who had a surfeit of money.

The liquidity crisis at Courtwell Group's offshoot, Leisure Investments, makes it the latest casualty in a series which is expected to continue as long as interest rates stay high and property values depressed.

Operational leisure businesses such as bingo halls, discos and holiday parks which provide regular cash flow have not been as hard hit as those which derive the bulk of book value from property development.

Leisure Investments, which was placed into receivership on Wednesday, has found it impossible to extricate itself from a crippling debt assumed when business was better because several of its competitors have already flooded the market with assets.

This is despite selling the freehold of one casino, Aspinall's of Curzon Street, last year for £40 million and signing a contract in March to sell its other London casino, the Barracuda Club, for £20 million. Both establishments were closed on Wednesday after the receivers were appointed.

Others have been been

marketing their assets equally aggressively. Mecca Leisure Group, for example, has assets worth £250 million up for sale, including London casinos, hotels and amusement machines.

Other companies with assets on the block include Brent Walker, Midsummer Leisure — facing a bid from European Leisure — and Buckingham Leisure.

Indeed, Mecca sounded a general warning to the market last month and carried the rest of the sector's share prices lower with its own. Shares in Mecca have dwindled from a high of 176p earlier this year to 57p yesterday.

Courtwell, formerly Bear Brand, the textile group, bought Mr Stephen Forsyth's Leisure Investments in December after the company said it was unable to pay the dividend due on its preference shares.

Mr Forsyth and his brother James built the company very rapidly but as one broker said, "it spiralled out of control and was starved of cash".

"Their biggest mistake was paying too much for Peter de Savary's LandLeisure at the beginning of 1989 which was where they got the casinos," another broker said.

Analysts at BZW pointed out that the forecast profits at the casinos were never fulfilled and that a slowdown was

already evident at the time of purchase.

Bear Brand's chairman, Mr Nick Oppenheim, also paid too much for the company. However, instead of paying cash, he offered paper worth £80 million and has since wiped his hands of the investment. But he still has £3 million of Courtwell's convertible preference shares which are worth little since the company was suspended on the Stock Exchange at ½p this week.

Dr Edward Vandyke, Courtwell's chairman, believes the debts at Leisure are probably higher than the amount which could be realized by the receivers. Courtwell, however, is likely to survive as a small textile business, he said.

Leisure has debts of about £80 million and three major property assets which can be sold: Lingfield Park racecourse in Surrey, on the market for £25 million, a £20 million, 150-acre site at West-n-super-Mare aerodrome, which drained the company because planning permission has been delayed, and the goodwill on Aspinall's.

The sale of the Barracuda Club to First Hamblin, a private company in the Midlands, for £20 million has not been completed and there are rumblings in the market that, with Leisure in the hands of receivers, the buyer may try to negotiate a cheaper price.



Spin of the wheel: an Aspinall's doorman drives away a client's Rolls before closure

Brazil and Argentina to seek aid despite arrears

BRAZIL and Argentina will be negotiating for new official aid when the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meet in Washington next week, despite a backlog of more than \$11 billion in interest owed to commercial bankers.

Both are likely to win approval of aid, underscoring one of the major changes in Third World debt policy since the announcement of the Bush

Administration's new approach just over a year ago.

The new strategy, in addition to calling for the voluntary reduction of debt, allows for negotiations and financial support from the international financial institutions, even when the countries are far behind in their commercial-loan payments.

There has been strong support for this in policy within the IMF and among some

experts on the debt crisis. But it worries others.

The Institute for International Finance, established by commercial banks, is expected to criticize the policy in a report that says the payment backlog now totals \$18 billion, with more than half of it owed by Brazil and Argentina.

It concludes that the policy is an incentive for countries to miss their loan payments. The practice, the report says, could

become a habit and spread to international institutions like the IMF and the World Bank.

But in the case of Brazil, with arrears of \$5.1 billion, and Argentina, with \$6.1 billion, some officials and bankers see no way to deal with the problems before the countries receive aid from the IMF, or before they begin debt-reduction negotiations with their commercial bankers.

To refuse the aid would just

aggravate the problems in each of the countries, officials said, and would favour the banks in debt negotiations.

A precedent for this kind of negotiation, with countries still in arrears, has been established in some of the deals already reached under the debt strategy named after the Treasury Secretary Mr Nicholas Brady.

"It is true that bankers were very unhappy with this change

in policy," said a banker who will be involved in negotiations with Brazil. "But it is also true that it is probably necessary for the IMF to have negotiations with Brazil because the arrears are so large."

He said the policy would get out of hand if the IMF did not insist on strong economic reform programmes and some prompt payments to commercial banks.

(New York Times)

Tokyo's stance and yield fears casts shadow over bond issue

From John Durie, New York

THE US bond market is waiting nervously on next week's \$30 billion issue by the US Treasury, fearing a possible withdrawal of Japanese interest.

It also fears that increases in inflation will cause a rise in bond yields.

First quarter inflation running at an annualized rate of 8.5 per cent, combined with recent turmoil in Japan, has forced US bond yields to top 9 per cent recently for the first time in more than a year.

Japanese institutions normally take a third of new bond issues but present indications suggest this pattern will not be continued next week.

Last year, net bond purchases by Japanese institutions totalled \$2.4 billion, dramatically down on the 1988 purchases of \$28 billion. This year, the Japanese have been net sellers of bonds.

The market was surprised by the details of the bond issue. The Treasury said it expected its borrowing requirements this quarter to be only \$12.6 billion, when current market activity would indicate borrowings of about \$20 billion.

While the first quarter infla-

tion figure surprised many in the US market, Dr Neil Soss, chief economist at First Boston, said: "Both the first quarter inflation and first quarter GNP of 2.1 per cent can be discounted to some extent because of seasonal factors."

"Both are expected to moderate towards the end of the year."

Mr Nick Sargen, a bond economist with Salomon Brothers, said: "Despite some statistical problems with the first quarter inflation figure, if anything the Federal Reserve will tend to err on the side of tightening money supply by lifting its rates slightly from the present level of 8.25 per cent."

Much will depend on today's employment figures and next week's producer prices index results where the market is looking for only small increases before the May 15 Federal Reserve Committee meeting to consider any interest rate hikes.

Mr David Hale, Kemper Financial Services economist, said: "The simple fact is the rest of the world will have to get used to less Japanese money this year."

Milken to testify before committee

From John Durie, New York

THE potential for Mr Michael Milken, the securities dealer convicted of fraud, to set off a wave of corporate-wide litigation has been underlined by his decision to give testimony before a US Congressional committee.

The US Congressional Energy and Commerce Committee has granted Mr Milken immunity from any legal action arising from testimony he will provide before his formal sentencing on October 1.

Last month, Mr Milken, the former Drexel Burnham Lambert junk bond founder, pleaded guilty to six counts of

fraud under a deal in which the US Justice Department agreed not to pursue further criminal action against him.

Mr Milken will appear before the US Federal Court on October 1 for sentencing, and is expected to get a five-year prison sentence.

Mr John Diengell, the chairman of the Congressional committee, is keen to question Mr Milken about the role of junk bonds in the savings and loan crisis, and about the hundreds of investment partnerships created by Drexel which were allegedly used to defraud its clients.

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Japan will revise copyright law after Morita spurs US to exert pressure

Lobby tactic smooths path for Sony

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

AMERICANS who fear that a flood of Japanese investment is turning the US into a backwater of Japan may be even more worried to learn that Japanese businessmen are managing to get US government officials to do some of their dirty work for them.

Mr Akio Morita, head of Japan's Sony empire, appears to have spurred US trade negotiators into pressing Japan to revise a law that was hurting Sony's balance sheet in America.

Mr Morita, brazenly exploiting the Japanese habit of swallowing nasty medicine more willingly if the spoon is held by a foreign government, dreamed up the tactic to win better copyright protection in Japan for the huge record library owned by CBS Records of America, a Sony subsidiary.

Last year, he quietly asked Mrs Carla Hills, the US Trade Representative who has spent the past year nagging Japan to open its closed markets, to put pressure on Japan for copyright law reforms.

His unusual behaviour has drawn gasps not only because Mr Morita is co-author of a

book scolding America for its lazy ways and fading glory, but also because — far more embarrassingly — he forgot to mention to any government officials in Japan that he had made such an unpatriotic overture to Mrs Hills.

Japan's current copyright law does not cover foreign recordings made before 1978 and does not require the country's compact disc rental shops to pay royalties on music recorded outside Japan.

America's Recording Industry Association has calculated that US record producers, including CBS, are losing up to \$1 billion a year as a result.

Last week, struggling to avoid sanctions under tough new US trade laws, Japan said it was willing to revise copyright laws within two years.

The incident has given force to the jibe that Washington is the official opposition party in Japan. It has also shown again that Japan moves fastest under external pressure, a phenomenon so accepted in Japan that it has its own name *gai-atsu*. It is so useful that ministers, bureaucrats and businessmen discreetly invite



Carla Hills used influence, but Michael Armacost is uneasy about outside pressure



foreign pressure to push through unpalatable laws.

On several occasions — when Japan has been forced to liberalize its financial markets, to import US beef and oranges, or to allow foreign construction firms to tender for Japanese public works

contracts — Japanese ministers and civil servants could shrug, apologize and say that Japan's hand was forced by foreigners and that was the price Japan must pay to stay friends with its allies.

Even in the current round of haggling between Tokyo and

Washington, inelegantly called the Structural Impediments Initiative, many Japanese have publicly complained about America's bullying and privately rubbed their hands with glee that US negotiators were bringing about modernizations that would be politi-

cal suicide for a Japanese government.

Mr Kazuo Nukazawa, managing director of Keidanren, Japan's CBI, says his organization agreed with almost all Washington's demands, from calls for a less clogged distribution system to a policy dampening land price speculation.

Mr Nukazawa said: "The substance we liked, the manner is questionable. The Americans were high-handed."

Mr Michael Armacost, US ambassador to Tokyo, argues that although American, European and Asian businessmen will benefit, "the main beneficiaries, of course, will be the Japanese themselves. I remain uneasy about this kind of outside pressure to bring about change."

Gai-atsu is so established in the Japanese psyche that a banker said, only half-joking: "I agree with everything the Americans have been demanding. But I wish they would force Japanese to take more holidays. I'm owed 10 days leave which I can't take because my boss doesn't take his either. He would think I was shirking."

SAS deal with Thai rules out BA as a partner in the Far East

From A Correspondent, Bangkok

SAS, the Scandinavian airline that owns 25 per cent of Airlines of Britain, the British Midland parent, has signed a deal to strengthen its links with Thai Airlines International. The agreement to establish a joint traffic system with SAS between Copenhagen and Bangkok effectively rules out Thai as a potential partner for British Airways in the Far East.

But Thai confirmed that it has ambitions to develop a North Atlantic service, which could eventually challenge BA on its home ground, Heathrow. SAS has hinted that it would like to develop transatlantic services through its British Midland partner, and the addition of Thai will strengthen the group.

SAS, Thai and Midland have ground infrastructure and slots to develop the routes out of Heathrow, but if permission for Heathrow flights was refused, they could appeal after deregulation in 1992.

Meanwhile, the SAS, Thai, Midland transatlantic challenge could come through Copenhagen, where SAS is developing a hub using its own and Midland routes.

Thai had been one of three "golden triangle" of upmarket hi-tech airlines that could fit in with BA and United's world-wide marketing plans. The SAS deal with Thai effectively rules that out. Cathay Pacific is the last

likely partner because its Hong Kong hub will be taken over by China at the end of the decade. Singapore Airlines, therefore, becomes favourite for BA's Far Eastern link.

SAS, which helped to found Thailand's state airline 30 years ago, is the only other airline present at Thai's 30th anniversary conference, Map 90, which is taking place in Bangkok. Mr Jan Carlzon, the SAS chief, who signed the deal this time, is backed by a team of six executives.

Mr Chatrachai Bunyana, Thai's executive vice president, admitted the Bangkok London route, which the airline started operating with new 747-400s last month, is the company's most important route to Europe.

He said that Thai had ambitions to be a global carrier, and was talking to numerous airlines with that in mind — Alitalia, Air France, Lufthansa, JAL and Swiss Air, which already has marketing links with Singapore Airlines.

"The only thing that we lack is the Atlantic," he said. "I think we will probably see that day sooner than expected."

The airline politely omitted from his list was BA. The only other ghost at the feast is always referred to as "the other Far East carrier" or "our near neighbour." The words Singapore Airlines, Thai's main rival, rarely pass any one's lips.

Regulators fight over US futures

Washington

TOP US regulators are continuing a bitter public battle over which agency should control futures trading in stock index futures, the new breed of financial products.

Miss Wendy Gramm, chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, says her agency should retain its exclusive control over futures trading. There is no need to transfer some of the CFTC's powers to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the agency that regulates stock markets, she insists.

"Eliminating this exclusive jurisdiction could result in regulatory chaos by allowing futures to be regulated under multiple different regulatory systems," she told a futures industry conference.

But at the same conference, Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, disagreed. He said the

SEC, and not the CFTC, should regulate futures products based on stocks and that he favoured ending the CFTC's exclusive right to regulate all futures products.

"While once reasonable, this provision may now be more costly than beneficial," Mr Greenspan said.

Miss Gramm said the turf battle was unproductive and called for its end.

At the heart of the CFTC-SEC dispute are stock index futures, such as the S&P 500 contract, which are based on a basket of stocks but traded on commodity exchanges such as the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Mr Greenspan's views are considered important because he is a member of a presidential working group that is attempting to resolve differences between the two agencies on this issue. Miss Gramm is the only dissenting member in the group. (Reuters)

London listing for Avonmore

By Gillian Bowditch

AVONMORE, the Irish dairy foods group, is joining the London market. The group, which is not raising any new money, expects trading in its A shares to start in London on Thursday.

The London listing is part of the strategy of the managing director, Mr Patrick O'Neill, to triple the group's size over the next three years.

The group has made 10 acquisitions over the last two-and-a-half years and is expected to continue to grow through acquisitions in the UK, Europe and the US.

Avonmore, which is capitalised at around £130 million, is controlled by Avonmore Creameries, a provident society owned by its 13,000 members, who are mostly farmers supplying Avonmore. Avonmore Creameries holds all the B shares, which represent 71.6 per cent of the total equity, in

Avonmore. The A and the B shares have the same voting rights but slightly different dividend rights. There are no plans to list B shares on the London market.

At close of business on May 1, the A shares were trading at 95p, giving a p/e multiple of 10.6 and a dividend yield of 2.6 per cent.

In the last five years profits have grown from IRE£3.3 million (£4.2 million) to IRE£13.2 million and sales have grown from IRE£232 million to IRE£403 million. At the end of last year the group's net assets were IRE£112 million.

● Cahill May Roberts, the Irish pharmaceutical and veterinary products group, is seeking a USM quote in London. AIB Group is sponsoring a IRE£3.3 million placing that will represent 22.8 per cent of the enlarged group.

Trump heads into trouble over \$35m contractors' claim

From Philip Robinson
Los Angeles

PROPERTY magnate and casino owner Mr Donald Trump ran into fresh problems last night, fuelling speculation that he is short of cash.

More than 100 contractors who built the Taj Mahal Casino Resort, Mr Trump's showpiece gambling house in Atlantic City, New Jersey, are demanding help from the state's gaming watchdog to reclaim \$35 million that they claim is owed on the \$1 billion project.

The New Jersey Casino Control Commission said it has yet to receive a formal complaint from the contractors.

Mr Trump is reported to have held back 10 per cent of the contract until an audit of the contractors' invoices had satisfied him that these were not inflated.

Mr Trump is currently the centre of intense speculation about his cash flow, sparked by two events.

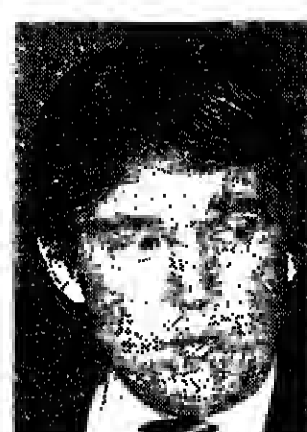
First, he hired Merrill Lynch, the investment bank, to find buyers for most of his assets.

Then, a new assessment of his wealth by *Forbes*, the respected financial magazine, cut his net worth by \$1 billion to \$500 million.

Despite being hit by high interest rates and a depressed property market in the US, Mr Trump insists that he is not scrambling for money.

He claims instead that he is implementing a strategy to have more of his assets in cash.

However, *Forbes* argues that documents show Mr



Trump: called for audit

Trump with \$3.7 billion of assets and \$3.2 billion of debt.

The memo of his name still sparked life in the shares of Hilton Hotels yesterday.

There is speculation that Mr Trump is anxious to do some kind of deal with the hotel chain, whose shares have collapsed since it was officially taken off the market.

Asked whether Mr Trump might be interested in some form of bid or asset swap with Hilton, his spokesman said: "We have not made a determination yet."

Mr Roy Judge, a spokesman for Hilton, said: "We have had no discussions with him. He did express an interest when we first put the company up for auction but never followed through and we did not think he was serious."

Mr Judge added: "We know he is interested in getting into casinos in Nevada [where Hilton has three] but we are not interested in selling our casino operations separately."

Spending on IT 'set to rise by more than 18%'

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

INDUSTRY and commerce is expected to increase spending on Information Technology (IT) by more than 18 per cent this year after cutting back on investment during 1989, a survey predicts.

Financial institutions are planning to lift funding on computer systems, communications, software and staff by more than 23 per cent after pruning IT expenditure in 1989 by more than a fifth, according to a Price Waterhouse study of about 1,000 British companies.

Companies are also attempting to dispel the mystery of IT, and to tailor computer systems more cost effectively to corporate strategy.

Board directors are increasingly demanding to know what advantages they can get from such systems rather than just installing them for the sake of it.

Evidence of the trend, according to Mr Kit Grindley, of Price Waterhouse Management Consultancy, came from the rising number of appointments to boards of directors with specific res-

ponsibility for high technology. The move is being led by groups whose businesses are becoming increasingly cashless — such as financial companies, 31 per cent of which have IT directors, and retailers, 23 per cent of which have a high-technology director.

The annual survey also showed for the first time that security breaches are costing profits.

Seven per cent of respondents said they had suffered crippling financial losses due to computer security failures.

More than 65 per cent admitted they had suffered to a more limited extent from security breakdowns.

Industrial action is cited as a cause of serious damage, particularly in the public administration sector.

However, three quarters of all security problems are due to natural hazards such as fire, human error and systems failures. Five years ago, 26 per cent said they spent nothing on security measures. That figure has dropped to just 4 per cent as protection awareness grows.



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The Interim Report will be mailed to shareholders on 9 May. For a copy, and the current Annual Report, write to: The Public Relations Department, Wellcome plc, Unicorn House, PO Box 129, 160 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP.

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From Lulu Yu
Hong Kong

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NESTLÉ S.A.

Nestlé S.A., Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

The shareholders are hereby invited to the
123rd Ordinary General Meeting
to be held on Thursday, May 31, 1990 at 3.00 p.m.
at the "Palais de Beaulieu" in Lausanne (Switzerland)

Agenda

1. Approval of the 1989 accounts and of the Directors' Report
2. Discharge of the Board of Directors and of the Management
3. Decision on the appropriation of the net profit
4. Statutory elections
5. Increase in share capital from Fr. 346 500 000.— to Fr. 364 875 000.— by the issue of 183 750 new registered shares reserved for the shareholders and the holders of participation certificates
6. Amendment of the Articles of Association (Articles 5, 6 bis, and 33)

The holders of bearer shares may obtain their admission card (with a proxy) at the Company's Share Transfer Office in Cham not later than Monday May 28, 1990, at noon. The cards will be issued either against presentation of a certificate in the name of the shareholder to the effect that the shares have been deposited with a bank, or after the shares have been deposited at one of the Company's Registered Offices. The shares will in both cases remain blocked until the day following the General Meeting.

The 1989 Annual Report, comprising in particular the Nestlé S.A. Directors' Report, as well as the Board's proposals concerning items 5 and 6 of the agenda will be held at the disposal of the holders of bearer shares, as from May 1, 1990, at the Registered Offices in Cham and Vevey and at the offices of the Company's paying agents.

The holders of registered shares whose names appear in the Share Register will, within the next few days, receive personally the invitation to the General Meeting, together with the usual documents.

Shareholders are requested to address any correspondence concerning the General Meeting to the Share Transfer Office of the Company in Cham (Switzerland).

Cham and Vevey, April 30, 1990

The Board of Directors

Watchdog approves new power structure

By Martin Waller

PROFESSOR Stephen Littlechild, the Director General of Electricity Supply and the man policing the soon-to-be privatised power industry, has given broad approval to the structure of the industry put in place by the Government.

But he has moved quickly to stamp his authority on the industry by requiring a study into the way the costs of moving large amounts of power around the National Grid are shared out. A consequence of the change in policy when the cost structure is revised in three years could be to encourage more power generation in the south. The bulk of capacity now lies in the north.

At the same time, it could trim the cost of power in the north, so encouraging new businesses to locate there.

Since September 1 last year, Professor Littlechild has headed the Office of Electricity Regulation (Ofreg), the body which will monitor the electricity supply industry as it is moved by stages into the private sector.

Offer issued its first report yesterday, covering the four months since it was set up by

Professor Littlechild. In his view, there was little radical change needed in the industry in its new form, which consists of 12 regional electricity distribution companies and two big generators in England and Wales, and two vertically-integrated companies covering Scotland.

He said the new structure, brought in after the abolition of the Central Electricity Generating Board, needed a period to settle down after privatisation. "I don't propose to upset the applecart, because I think it's important for a number of reasons to have a stable transition to a competitive regime."

Some analysts have suggested that one outcome of privatisation might be the disappearance of a number of the distributors, swallowed up by their larger and more profitable brethren.

Professor Littlechild would not be drawn on whether takeovers would be allowed in the electricity sector — the articles of association of the various companies have yet to be published, although most observers expect some sort of "golden share" protecting

them from unwanted predators. He did dampen down suggestions of massive consolidation, saying that the cost structure was not such that there would be only six to eight distribution companies in a few years' time.

Within three years, Ofreg expects to see a new charge structure drawn up to cover the cost of transmission losses, the amount of power that is wasted as it is sent over long distances. Under the current regime, these losses are added together and the total spread over the cost of all units of power consumed. "The costs of the losses aren't being passed on to the people who have caused those losses," said Professor Littlechild.

He proposes that a consumer in, for example, Southampton, should find it cheaper to take power from a local generator, all other elements of the power cost equation being equal, than from one at the other end of Britain.

This would encourage new generation ventures to locate in areas where they are under-represented — broadly, the south — while new customers

will find the cost of power cheaper where there is already extensive capacity.

The main obstacle to a more even distribution of generating capacity, however, remains land prices and gaining planning permission in the south, observers believe.

Professor Littlechild is also hoping to see a more market-oriented structure emerge to take account of how the generators are paid to find future investment. Currently, they receive a subsidy for each unit of power produced to fund future projects. But Professor Littlechild would like to see the operation of "normal market forces" prompting investment.

He denied suggestions that he was operating without any true power in the new regulatory structure. "I've more teeth than a Rottweiler — but I don't anticipate I will have to bite," he said.

As the City gears up for the privatisation, Miss Liz Christie, electricity analyst at Hoare Govett, says the distribution companies are now more attractive than the two generators because of their lower risk profile.



Watching the National Grid meter: Professor Stephen Littlechild, who issued Ofreg's first report yesterday

New markets top of the stocks

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

SHARES in emerging stock markets on average outpaced those in all the main developed markets for the first time last year, justifying the new popularity of emerging market funds.

The Composite Index constructed by the International Finance Corporation, the private sector affiliate of the World Bank, rose by 47 per cent in dollar terms, compared with a 14.7 per cent in the world index calculated by Morgan Stanley Capital International. The Composite Index comfortably outpaced Wall Street (up 27 per cent) and was even further ahead of London and Tokyo.

The Composite Index includes 19 stock markets, varying from developing countries such as India, Nigeria and Thailand; Latin American countries; newly industrial-

ized countries, such as Taiwan and Korea, and two European Community nations: Portugal and Greece. The IFC also tracks 13 smaller markets, one of which, Indonesia, is to be put in the index this summer.

The IFC's newly-published 1990 Emerging Markets Factbook shows that the 32 markets had a combined capitalization of \$611 billion at the end of 1989, one-twentieth of the total capitalization of world stock markets and about a fifth of the value of all markets, excluding Japan and the United States.

Last November's mini-crash in New York, Tokyo and London, helped emerging markets to shine last year. Over a five-year period, the IFC Composite rose by 206 per cent in dollar terms, outpacing London and almost twice as profitable as New

York, but well behind Tokyo. The Composite Index, included four of the five top-performing markets of 1989, led by Turkey (up 300 per cent as it was fully opened) and Argentina (up 136 per cent).

Austria was the leading developed market, with a rise of 101 per cent, ahead of Taiwan and Thailand. However, four of the five worst performers were also developing markets, with Venezuela falling 35 per cent to bottom-ranked.

In the first quarter of 1990, however, Venezuela was the top-performing market, shares rising by an average of 56 per cent, while Argentina was the second-worst performer.

Mr Peter Tropper, compiler of the Factbook, said that this showed the high short-term volatility of individual emerging markets, although they

could be profitable in the long run in a diversified portfolio.

He said that leading emerging markets were now as big as smaller developed markets. Taiwan's stock exchange has a much higher capitalization than Zurich. Korea is bigger than markets in Australia or Sweden, and Brazil and Malaysia have a similar capitalization to Denmark.

Liquidity and efficiency of trading is improving in most markets; daily turnover in Taiwan, which is much higher than in other markets in the IFC Composite, occasionally rivals Wall Street. However, emerging markets' regulation is generally less keen and company accounting inferior.

Mr Tropper said that it is unwise to try to compare price/earnings ratios between countries. Price to cash-flow calculations were a better test.

Brittan outlines formula for European banknotes

By A Correspondent

BRITAIN could have the European cash equivalent printed on the back of traditional sterling banknotes when economic and monetary union is achieved, Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the European Commission, first-acted yesterday.

Speaking at a lunch in the Parliamentary Press Gallery, he said he thought that although people might accept the principle of economic and monetary union, there would be one political constraint.

"There would be great resentment at having to give up going into the shop and buying things with the pound-sterling."

But Sir Leon maintained that it would be perfectly

possible for the Ecu — European Currency Unit — to become the common currency for trading purposes in the world and across European borders, one there was a fixed

exchange rate. But within an individual free country "it could be denominated in pounds, marks and francs on the note."

He visualized a sterling note marked "equals 1-punt 'whatever' Ecu."

And Sir Leon said there was a precedent within the British Isles for his idea.

After the Act of Union with Scotland, for nearly 100 years Scottish banknotes were printed "£1 sterling equals £12 Scottish pounds."

He added: "There is nothing to fear in an economic and monetary union which could bring great stability to the economy and achieve for us what we have not been able to achieve on our own."



Brittan: precedent already

ICL launches SX computer

THE world's most powerful commercial computer, developed by the British company ICL, was launched with advance orders worth £20 million.

ICL's SX series mainframe computer is capable of processing 47 million instructions a second.

Green pressure

PUBLIC environmental pressure groups will soon be centring on corporate civil liability, following their US counterparts, Mr Peter Thompson, deputy chairman of Strategy Europe, believes.

A National Council for Environmental Waste Policy is intended to be set up to monitor waste and producers and to help companies develop environmental strategies. Mr Thompson is lobbying for support of the idea that the council has statutory backing.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Solicitors adopt advisory role to help small firms

By Roger Pearson

SOLICITORS are seeking a wider advisory role in the small business sector.

A scheme will be launched next month to promote greater awareness of the help solicitors can give people with small businesses or starting businesses.

Under the scheme, which is being set up by the Law Society under the title "Lawyers for Enterprise," small businesses will be offered a free first consultation aimed at advising them how they could benefit from having a solicitor.

At this consultation, they will go through a checklist of 40 points aimed at highlighting legal pitfalls. If the need for a solicitor's services is identified, an estimate for work he suggests will be given.

The Law Society estimates, on the basis of information received on business agencies, that about a third of all inquiries by people with small businesses, or starting new ones, involve legal points.

They say the service will help increase the awareness of legal problems, which are often not immediately apparent.

A spokesman for the Law Society said: "There are a wide range of points from the acquisition of premises, insurance and taxation through to employment contracts, on which a solicitor's advice can be valuable."

We want to concentrate peoples' minds on points they may have missed. The scheme is aiming to promote the role of the solicitor as a business adviser."

All the country's 127 local law societies, together with many firms of solicitors known to be involved in advising on business matters, are being contacted with a view to their taking part in the scheme.

When the scheme is under way, lists of participating firms will be available from local law societies, business agencies, Citizens Advice Bureaux and town halls.

MR FRIDAY



"Purpose of visit? - To burst with Western entrepreneurial ideas"

Geoffrey's sign of success

By David Thurlow

A FORMER civil servant has painted his way to business success and escaped the routine that was keeping him from his family.

Two years ago, Geoffrey Heald, then aged 42, was commuting from Suffolk to a houseboat in London where he lived five days a week while working as London regional manager of a government training department, joining his wife and his three sons only at weekends.

He realized that his job in bureaucracy was about to cost him seeing his three-year-old son grow up, just as he had missed the childhood of his elder sons, then in their mid-teens, during his earlier career in industry.

He decided to give up his job and turned to earning a living from a hobby started when he was an impetuous student from Leeds at King's College, London.

For years, he had been making traditional pub and tradesmen's signs in the evenings to relax. He had started by making a menu sign for his university local and had gone on to pub signs and fun notices, such as a reproduction of Thomas Crapper's flushing closet sign - "Safety and Comfort Assured" - for the Great Exhibition of 1851. It remains a big-selling favourite because the name is known world-wide.

Mr Heald and his wife, Sue, decided it was worthwhile for him to exchange his good, secure, and pensionable job for what he hankered after - working for himself where he enjoyed living. He said: "Once you have made

your mind up, you have simply to get on with it and stick with it."

He set up with capital of just £2,000. He had most of the tools for making signs, paint brushes, chisels, old floor boards for the base, pine, paint, and moulding.

The business, Heald's Traditional Theme Art, began slowly to grow, and the Healds decided to move to Wootton Creek, Isle of Wight, where they not only live near the water, which they love, but are near Southampton and the main shippers for their business, which is now international.

Mr Heald exports to 11 countries including the United States and Japan. He and his wife work as a team and have added nautical chests and chests of drawers to his range of carved wooden signs and house signs, priced at £50 to £750.

He found many of his foreign customers by going each weekend to the tourist-attracting art market in Piccadilly, London. He said: "I had an order for a chain of restaurants in California because the owner was over here on holiday. I've had orders from Spanish and Italian tourists, too."

Mr Heald now employs outside help, particularly for the furniture, which he buys and decorates.

He said: "It is an expanding business, but I'm never going to make a fortune because the overheads are quite high and the hours long, but I enjoy it. The quality of life and the freedom of working for yourself at home are the important things."

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Good signs: Geoffrey Heald and old-style notices

Third World help for UK jobless

By Brian Collett

A CHARITY for middle-aged unemployed professionals aims to use Third World contracts to help its clients form their own businesses.

Recall, based in Leatherhead, Surrey, has negotiated for several months to win a Moroccan contract for Biwater, a water systems company in Dorking.

The idea came from Mr Jim Stanton Barber, Recall's director general, who suggested to Mr Abdelali Bzargen, his Moroccan Third World projects director, that his country could develop its tourism potential. Morocco, however, lacks a good water supply system. Mr Bzargen put the idea of a water project to his brother-in-law, a member of the Moroccan parliament, an interest was shown by Mr Adrian White, Biwater's chairman, and negotiations began.

Morocco's ambassador to Britain has agreed to recommend the scheme to his government.

Biwater, as the main contractor, has agreed to give first consideration on the sub-contracts to the 300 to 400 professionals on Recall's books. The deal would give many of them the chance to start their own businesses.

A similar project in Malaysia, started by Biwater in 1984, created 300 jobs and generated British exports worth £20 million. Recall is also raising funds to run an extension course in practical book-keeping for the disabled people on its register.

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Law Report May 4 1990 Chancery Division

Directors' duty of care to shareholders limited by purpose of prospectus

Al-Nakib Investments (Jersey) Ltd v Another v Longcroft
Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies
[Judgment May 1]

The duty of care owed by directors to shareholders in respect of a prospectus issued by the company for the particular purpose of encouraging them to take up a rights issue did not extend to a situation where reliance was placed on that prospectus by those shareholders for the purpose of buying the shares in the market.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies held in the Chancery Division, in a reserved judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers, when making an order in favour of the first to fifth defendant directors and the ninth defendant company's application to strike out certain of the allegations of negligence claimed in respect of an action brought by the plaintiffs against those defendants which sought damages for misrepresentations contained in the prospectus.

The plaintiffs were: (1) Al-Nakib Investments (Jersey) Ltd (Al-Nakib Co) (2) Another v Longcroft (Mrs Al-Nakib). The defendants were: (1) James George Stoddart Longcroft (2) Peter Brian Moody (3) Leon Joseph Stactos (4) Jimmy Duane Stewart (5) Robert John Smith (6) Frank Mutch (7) James Appleby Pearson (8) Harry Chester Butterfield (9) Combined Technologies Corporation plc ("Comtech").

Mr Patrick Milmo, QC and Mr Charles A. H. Gibson for the plaintiffs; Mr Alan Steinfield, QC and Mr Lawrence Cohen for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES said that the summons was taken out by the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and ninth defendants ("the ap-

plicants"). His Lordship was only concerned with one paragraph of the summons whereby the applicants applied for an order that the statement of claim be struck out under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court or under the inherent jurisdiction on the ground that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action.

Before his Lordship, the application was not in that wide form. The applicants asked for an order that certain paragraphs be struck out.

The amended statement of claim relied on the following: 1 That defendants 1 to 8 were directors of a Bermuda company called Mneemos Ltd, incorporated on April 14, 1982, which was a subsidiary of the ninth defendant, an English company.

2 Comtech developed an electronic information storage and retrieval system ("System 6000"). Mneemos was incorporated to exploit System 6000. 3 Application was made to the Stock Exchange for permission to deal in Mneemos shares, issued or to be issued on the London securities market. On April 19, 1983 a prospectus was published which invited persons to subscribe for 12,449,515 ordinary shares of 10 cents each in Mneemos at 65 pence per share.

The Mneemos shares were offered by the Comtech directors to the Comtech shareholders being associated with an offer of Comtech shares and with the fact that some Comtech shares were the subject of an agreed subscription by institutional investors.

The new Mneemos shares were offered to the Comtech shareholders at 65 pence per share on the basis of one Mneemos share for every five Comtech shares then held, and the Comtech shares at 42 pence per share on the basis of one for

five. The action was concerned with shares taken up in response to the prospectus and a letter dated April 22, 1983 and with shares bought later in the market.

4 The statement of claim complained that a number of statements in the prospectus were untrue or misleading. The principal complaint was of the untrue of a statement that System 6000 was a fully developed and marketable product.

At the time of the issue of the prospectus the Al-Nakib Co held 2,000,000 Comtech shares so that it was entitled to subscribe for 400,000 shares in Mneemos. In reliance upon the prospectus, Mr Tahih Al-Nakib, on behalf of the Al-Nakib Co, caused the company to subscribe for 400,000 Mneemos shares at a price of £266,000.

As to that first transaction the Al-Nakib company, relying on inaccuracies in the prospectus, claimed compensation pursuant to section 67 of the Companies Act 1985 and damages for negligence. The applicants did not seek to strike out those claims.

5 In September 1983 Mneemos issued an interim report for the three months ended June 30, 1983 and in November 1983 another interim report for the six months ended September 30, 1983. Complaint was also made of misrepresentations therein.

6 The plaintiffs also referred to six other transactions (said to have been entered into in reliance on the prospectus and/or the interim reports) concerning Mneemos or Comtech shares.

His Lordship said that claims were made in respect of those other transactions and it was those claims which the applicants sought to strike out. Since his Lordship understood that the seventh transaction related to shares taken up in response to the rights issue he

proposed to consider whether or not claims based on transactions 2 to 6 should be struck out. The claims concerning transactions 2 to 6 were framed in negligence against Comtech and the applicants.

In summary, there was a pleading of duty, breach and damage, thereby occasioned. The main question was whether any duty of care existed.

Mr Steinfield, with the first transaction in mind, said that no doubt directors owed a duty of care in respect of statements in a prospectus to persons who subscribed for shares offered by the prospectus. But with transactions 2 to 6 in mind, he said it was otherwise.

Mr Milmo said that no strike-out should be ordered because it was inappropriate to consider the questions arising pursuant to an Order 18, rule 19 summons since:

1 Order 18, rule 19 was appropriate only for the disposal of simple cases: see *McKay v Essex Health Authority* (1982) 1 QB 1291 per Lord Justice Griffiths who, although a minority, it is noted, agreed with that of Lord Templeman in *Williams & Humbert v D. & C. Trademarks* (1986) AC 368, 435H.

2 In the present case a striking feature was that the prospectus action since in any event there would be a trial as respects the first transaction. At the trial much time would be spent on the issue as to breach or not of a duty of care.

The very same breach issue arose as respects transactions 2 to 6. It would be convenient to debate the issue as to breach along with the issue as to whether or not a duty of care arose as respects transactions 2 to 6.

On the other hand, Mr Cohen said that great time and expense would be saved if striking out were allowed in that there would

be avoided a consideration of the multiplicity of share dealings engaged in by the plaintiffs after April 1983.

The defendants sought to have proceedings by way of Order 33, rule 3 rather than Order 18, rule 19.

However, those submissions were made after Mr Steinfield's detailed arguments in favour of striking out. He raised such doubts as Lord Templeman mentioned in *Humbert*. As well, the trial might be shortened if there was a striking out. Thus it was that the application was not at that stage dismissed.

His Lordship had to consider whether the defendants owed the plaintiffs a duty of care in respect of transactions 2 to 6.

Mr Steinfield said that since the purpose of the prospectus was to invite Comtech shareholders to subscribe for shares at 65 pence per share it could not be relied upon in respect of a purchase of shares in the market: so that transactions 2 to 6, being market transactions, could not be related to the prospectus or the interim statements: see *Peck v Gurney* (1873) LR 6 HL 377.

More particularly, Mr Steinfield relied on *Caparo v Dickman* (1990) 2 WLR 358. Contract apart, there was no duty of care, he said, in a statement occasioning economic loss might be the subject of a negligence claim (see Lord Bridge at p367H).

So, as his Lordship understood, if X made a statement and Y, in reliance on that statement, entered into a transaction which occasioned a loss, Y could sue X if in the circumstances of the case X owed Y a duty of care.

That duty existed only if X, when making his statement, knew or ought to have known that Y would rely on it for the purpose of such a transaction as

Y did in fact enter into.

Lord Bridge in *Caparo* quoted (at p371) with approval an extract from *Scott Group Ltd v McFarlane* (1978) 1 NZLR 553, 566. The words of Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle in *Caparo* (at p406) showed that a duty of care was not fastened on a situation when a statement had been made for a particular purpose and the statement was used for another purpose. That view also emerged from Lord Bridge as referred to above.

It was said that the Al-Nakib company (acting by Mr Al-Nakib) in reliance on the prospectus entered into transactions 2, 3 and 4.

So did a duty of care exist between the directors and the Al-Nakib company? A duty of care would not be regarded as arising because Mr Al-Nakib made use of the prospectus for a purpose other than that for which it was issued.

The prospectus was given to Comtech shareholders to enable them to consider whether or not to take up an offer of one Mneemos share for every five Comtech shares at a price of 65 pence per share.

Those circumstances there appeared not to arise the special relationship that was referred to in the *Scott* case: so that the facts pleaded did not suffice to ground any duty of care as respects transactions 2, 3 and 4.

On that footing the conclusion would be the same (as respects the company and Mrs Al-Nakib) in respect of transactions 5 and 6. In interim reports, whether read alone or conjoined with the prospectus, were issued for the purpose of informing the shareholders of Mneemos of the activities of the company.

Mr Al-Nakib used the reports for the purpose of making up his mind whether or not to buy in the market.

Mr Milmo had emphasized the words "eg, in a prospectus inviting investment" (see Lord Bridge at p368E of *Caparo*) saying that the Mneemos prospectus invited investment.

However that might be, his Lordship agreed with Mr Cohen considering the rights issue, was used by the plaintiffs for another purpose, buying shares in the market: see Lord Jauncey in *Caparo* (at p404C) where he referred to "the fundamental question of the purpose".

There remained the question whether or not striking out should nevertheless be refused for the reason that in the circumstances of the case, an Order 18, rule 19 application was inappropriate or, at any rate, that the application ought to have been founded on Order 33, rule 3.

The court ought not to launch an Order 18, rule 19 application when it was clear that the application would involve days of legal discussion. If he did so the application might be dismissed as being in accordance with Lord Templeman's words in *Humbert* (at p355H).

However, the application had been entertained and in the result striking out was appropriate. Those events having happened, it would be wrong to refuse relief on the ground that the defendants should have desisted from their application because it would have involved days of argument.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Milmo that if the application was to be made at all it should have been made under Order 33, rule 3. But now that the matter had been considered at length little could be made of that point for reasons similar to those given by Lord Templeman in *Humbert* (at p343).

Solicitors: Kingsley Napley, Norton Rose.

Lesser charge open to jury only if it is on the indictment

Regina v Means
Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Fennell and Mr Justice Nourse
[Judgment May 1]

A defendant indicted on a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm could not be found guilty of the lesser charge of common assault unless that charge was specified in the indictment.

That was the effect of section 40 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 taken together with section 6(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1967.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in upholding the appeal of John Ronald Means against a sentence of 20 hours community service imposed by Judge Sheeha on June 20, 1989 at Ipswich Crown Court after he was found not guilty by a jury of "assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, but guilty of common assault."

Section 6 of the Criminal Law Act 1967 provides: "(3) Where on a person's trial on indictment for any offence except treason or for murder the jury find him not guilty of the offence specifically charged in the indictment, but the allegations in the indictment amount to or include (expressly or by implication) an allegation of another offence, the court of trial, the jury may find him

guilty of that other offence or of an offence of which he could be found guilty on an indictment specifically charging that other offence."

Section 40 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 provides: "(1) A count charging a person with a summary offence to which this section applies may be included in an indictment if the charge (a) is founded on the same facts or evidence as a count charging an indictable offence; or (b) is part of a series of offences of the same or similar character as an indictable offence which is also charged but only if (in either case) the facts or evidence relating to the offence were disclosed in an examination or deposition taken before a justice of the peace in the presence of the person charged."

"(2) Where a count charging an offence to which this section applies is included in an indictment, the offence shall be tried in the same manner as if it were an indictable offence, but the crown court may only deal with the offender in respect of it in a manner in which a magistrates' court could have dealt with him."

"(3) The offences to which this section applies are (a) common assault."

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said there was no doubt that until the 1988 Act

came into force that a person charged as Mr Means was, with an offence under section 47 could be convicted, as an alternative, of common assault if he were acquitted of the charge laid in the count against him.

That was so whether or not there was a specific allegation of common assault as an alternative.

That was the result of section 6(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1967.

Until October 1988 common assault was an offence which could be tried summarily or could be tried on indictment or could be tried summarily and thus fell within the jurisdiction of the crown court in every sense.

Mr Ludlow's submission was that since October 1988 common assault instead of being a common law offence which could be tried either on indictment or summarily was now a summary only offence.

There was still the specific provision in section 40 which provided that an alternative verdict of common assault might be brought in but only if a count to that effect was included in the indictment.

Their Lordships were of the view that that submission was correct.

Those two provisions had effected a change in the powers of the crown court to return alternative verdicts on lesser charges in relation to the offences specified in section 40(2) of the 1988 Act.

Mrs Ludlow's point was that these provisions were meant to be applied summarily only and were not within the jurisdiction of the court unless a specific count was added.

Mr Ferguson had submitted that that was based on a misreading of section 6(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1967. He had reminded the court of a brief remark by Lord Roskill in *R v Wilson* (1984) AC 242, 256.

Referring to section 6(3) of the 1967 Act, Lord Roskill had said: "It would not be surprising if the jurisdiction of the court of trial could now be ignored since the creation of the crown court."

Their Lordships made two observations. First, the matter was not a simple one. It was not the same as the point before the court. Second, Lord Roskill's observation had been directed to the abolition of the distinction between a misdemeanour and a felony.

The words of section 6(3) were still relevant if what was in issue was the trial by a crown court of a matter which was only triable summarily.

Their Lordships also rejected a submission by the crown based on the words of section 7 of the Public Order Act 1986 which permitted a jury "without prejudice to section 6(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1967" to find a defendant found not guilty on indictment guilty of an offence or of a lesser offence.

There should be a statement and there should be in it. Mr Freeland pointed out that there was a rule which was disjunctive in its wording: "libel or slander, malicious prosecution or false imprisonment"; that, for whatever reason, assault had been left out; and he said, assault having been left out it was not right that a statement should be permitted which in effect would be approved on the basis that assault was included in the rule.

The court had to construe the plain and simple words of the rule. The fact was that, assuming the rule was intended to be applied to a case where the defendant was charged with assault or battery and the plaintiff had accepted it, then the court did not give the plaintiff the right to give to a judge in chambers for leave to make in open court a statement about it.

The plaintiff in the present case did not give to the court in chambers for leave to give to a judge in chambers for leave to make in open court a statement about it.

Accordingly, it did not seem to his Lordship that the rule was apt to cover a statement proposed to be made in respect of acceptance of money in satisfaction of a cause of action for assault.

His Lordship rejected the qualifying argument of Mr Clayton because it seemed to him that if it was accepted it simply meant that the word "assault" was put by the court into the rule.

Solicitors: Brian Thompson & Partners, Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Mr Fergusson had submitted that these provisions were meant to be applied summarily only and were not within the jurisdiction of the court unless a specific count was added.

The clear import of the quoted words was that but for the specific statutory provisions it would not be possible to bring in an alternative verdict because of the provisions of section 6(3). That was because the words "another offence falling within the jurisdiction of the court of trial" would not apply to the specified statutory offence.

The words were adverse to the submission Mrs Ludlow had put forward was correct.

It was not for their Lordships to say whether this was satisfactory. It did mean that for the future the crown court would have to be careful, if minded to allow a jury to bring in an alternative verdict, to see if it fell within some such statutory provision as section 7 of the Public Order Act 1986 in which case the jury could bring in an alternative verdict.

If the offence came within section 40 of the 1988 Act it could bring in an alternative verdict only if the offence was already contained or added to the indictment. That was quite clearly the law and the conviction had to be quashed.

Solicitors: Thompson Smith & Fuxton, Clacton; CFS, Ipswich.

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another, Ex parte Pheasant

Before Lord Justice Donaldson of Kingsland, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Staughton
[Judgment April 26]

The policy contained in the Secretary of State for the Environment's planning policy guidance indicated a general presumption in favour of "appropriate" development within the green belts. Where the proposed development was "appropriate" the onus of persuasion lay on the applicant to show special circumstances justifying it.

When an inspector had failed to give adequate reasons for concluding that a proposed change of use from a redundant cricket pavilion to staff residential accommodation was inappropriate, the court would quash her decision.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Mr Jan Pheasant from the dismissal by Judge Marder, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, of his appeal from the inspector's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed conversion of a redundant cricket pavilion in the grounds of a redundant house which he proposed converting for residential use by members of his staff.

Mr John Howell for Mr Pheasant; Mr Guy Senkey for the secretary of state.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS referred to the secretary of state's policy guidance given in *DoE Circular 14/85*, paragraph 15 of Planning Policy Guidance 1 (General Policy and

Principles) ("PPG 1") and paragraph 12 of Planning Policy Guidance 2 (Green Belts) ("PPG 2") both published by the DoE in 1988.

The effect was that if a proposed development was in a green belt and was of a nature which was inappropriate it was by definition one which caused demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance and it became incumbent on the applicant to show that the advantages of the particular development in the particular circumstances outweighed that harm to such interests.

The decision-maker was to give reasons sufficient to show his chain of reasoning. As applied to green belt applications that had to involve saying why the proposed development was or was not appropriate to the green belt.

If it was considered inappropriate then the decision-maker had to go on in express view on the weight of the damage which would be done to the green belt if permission were granted and the lack of weight he had attached to countervailing considerations based on the alleged advantages of allowing the development to proceed.

His Lordship referred, *inter alia*, to the green belt policy set out in PPG 2 and in particular to paragraph 16 which stated that many redundant agricultural buildings within the green belts might be appropriately re-used.

The paragraph concluded: "The re-use of redundant buildings should not be refused unless there are specific and convincing reasons which cannot be overcome by attaching conditions to the planning permission."

The inspector had in her decision letter baldly stated that the proposed change of use could not be regarded as coming within the general category of use appropriate to green belts. She might have been right, but her conclusion merited a

little more explanation in the context that the planning policy was to be used for residential use generally but for the specific residential use ancillary to the use of the applicant's house and that it was not self-evident that the change of use would have any detrimental effect in terms of the stated purposes of the green belts.

The inspector rejected paragraph 16 of PPG 2 as being inapplicable, since the pavilion was not a redundant agricultural building. That seemed to give a very narrow construction to the paragraph and the policy it expressed.

If the use of a redundant barn could be changed to residential use, why not a redundant cricket pavilion? And if cricket pavilions were different they were still redundant in the meaning of the last sentence of the paragraph.

The inspector should have considered whether there were specific and convincing reasons for refusing consent which could not be overcome by attaching conditions to the planning permission.

His Lordship would quash the decision on the ground that the inspector failed to give any adequate reasons for holding that the change of use was inappropriate to a green belt, having regard to the stated purposes for which they were created, and also on the ground that she had misconstrued paragraph 16, or alternatively, failed to consider whether there were specific reasons for refusing consent which could not be overcome by attaching conditions to the planning permission.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith delivered a concurring judgment, and Lord Justice Staughton delivered a judgment concurring in the result.

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Treasury Solicitor.

No right to statement in assault settlement

Smith v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis
Before Mr Justice Michael Davies
[Judgment March 8]

The recently amended Order 82, rule 5(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, on the question of open court, did not cover a statement proposed to be made in respect of acceptance of money in satisfaction of a cause of action for assault.

Mr Justice Michael Davies so stated in open court after a hearing in chambers in the Queen's Bench Division in finding that the plaintiff, Patricia Mary Smith, was not entitled to have a statement made in open court so far as it related to assault.

Order 82, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court now provides: "(1) Where a party wishes to accept money paid into court in satisfaction of a cause of action for libel or slander, malicious prosecution or false imprisonment, that party may, before or after accepting the money, apply to a judge in chambers by summons for leave to make in open court a statement in terms approved by the judge."

Mr Richard Clayton for the plaintiff; Mr Simon Freeland for the commissioner.

liciously prosecuted. That position terminated in favour in an acquittal on February 23, 1987 on a charge of obstructing the highway.

She sued the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for damages. A defence was served denying liability in respect of the assault, but not of the charge of action.

On January 28, 1990, the defendant made a payment into court in satisfaction of all the causes of action in respect of which the plaintiff claimed.

On February 6, the plaintiff's solicitors gave notice of acceptance of the sum paid into court "in full satisfaction of the claim herein". On February 15 the plaintiff's solicitors took a summons for leave to make in open court a statement pursuant to Order 82, rule 5(1).

Since at least 1933, Order 82, rule 5(1) and its predecessors had provided a procedure for the reading of a statement in open court in terms approved by the judge in cases where the cause of action was libel or slander and, specifically so far as nowadays was concerned, in cases where a party accepted money paid into court.

On December 18, 1989 there were published amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court, including an amendment to Order 82, rule 5. The amendment to that rule came into force on February 5, 1990, one day before the plaintiff's solicitors gave notice of the acceptance of the money into court in the case.

There were two relevant alterations to the rule. First, there had been added the words "malicious prosecution or false

imprisonment". Second, it was now provided that the application for a statement might be made "before or after accepting the money".

So far as the first amendment to the rule was concerned, counsel and his Lordship could only conclude that the Supreme Court Rule Committee took the view that malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, but not assault or battery, involved a slur on the reputation and character of the plaintiff, or might do, akin to that suffered by a plaintiff who had been defamed.

Another difference was that almost invariably a statement in open court in a defamation action involved a withdrawal and an apology by the newspaper or other defendant who had paid money and was assenting to the statement in open court.

On the other hand, cases were settled on a "commercial basis" by the payment of money in cases where there was no question of any withdrawal from the defence position.

Mr Clayton submitted that the plaintiff had to qualify for a statement in open court by including in the statement of claim and writ, a cause of action for malicious prosecution and/or false imprisonment.

If the plaintiff qualified in that way, Mr Clayton submitted, the door of discretion opened and the court should, bearing in mind the guidelines suggested by *J v R* (The Times February 23, 1984) and any other appropriate tests, decide as a matter of discretion whether

there should be a statement and there should be in it.

Mr Freeland pointed out that there was a rule which was disjunctive in its wording: "libel or slander, malicious prosecution or false imprisonment"; that, for whatever reason, assault had been left out; and he said, assault having been left out it was not right that a statement should be permitted which in effect would be approved on the basis that assault was included in the rule.

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Solicitors: Brian Thompson & Partners, Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Misplaced sense of injustice

Regina v Etere

A defendant convicted of wounding with intent contrary to section 18 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, suffered no injustice where the judge had discharged the jury from giving a verdict on his behalf in a case where the defendant, charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the same Act, after it had become clear during the trial that the defendant ought to have been charged with the section 18 offence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Fennell) so held on May 1 in rejecting an appeal by David Etere against a sentence of three and a half years imprisonment imposed on February 7, 1989 at St Albans Crown Court (Judge Rodwell and a jury).

MR JUSTICE FENNEL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the general public and the informed observer would have said that the co-defendant had been extremely lucky rather than that Mr Etere had been unfairly treated.

His Lordship rejected the qualifying argument of Mr Clayton because it seemed to him that if it was accepted it simply meant that the word "assault" was put by the court into the rule.

Solicitors: Brian Thompson & Partners, Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

The Crown had conceded that there was insufficient evidence to ensure a conviction on the basis that the other had failed to intervene to prevent the abuse.

There was no evidence either parent had been present when the children were inflicted or that they had known of the injuries but failed to intervene.

Highway status unchanged

Foy v Hertfordshire County Council

The mere fact that a part of the highway was impeded from time to time by the storing of chippings did not affect its original purpose for the carriage of vehicles.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Beldam) so held on May 1 when dismissing the appeal of Mrs Mavis Ann Foy against the decision of Judge Goldstone at Watford Crown Court on January 12, 1990 that her land was a highway and that all fence posts, rails and other material which she and her husband had erected upon that

Faldo aims to catch a thief and solve secret of St Mellion

By Mitchell Patts
Golf Correspondent

NICK Faldo hopes that this weekend he can catch a thief as well as win the Benson and Hedges International, which starts at St Mellion, near Plymouth today.

An £8,000 reward is being offered for the return of 31 tapes stolen from the Trans World International library in Chiswick, London, before the final edit session took place on his second instructional video. The theft has baffled the police as well as technicians because they are professional-grade tapes that cannot be played on a domestic video-tape player.

Faldo is bitterly disappointed because they are the result of five days of intense filming at Valderama, Spain. His first video - *Nick Faldo's Golf Course* - has gone platinum with sales of the £9.99 tape reaching 135,000, a record for a sports video, and advisers confidently expect the new version to exceed that sum if released.

"The deal, as far as I'm concerned if the guy returns the tapes, is a free lesson in any cell in any one of Her Majesty's prisons," Faldo, with a grin on his face, said. "A lot of guys, out just me, put in a lot of work to make this a success and the worst thing is not knowing whether some-

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	420	4	10	448	4
2	543	5	11	202	3
3	430	4	12	404	3
4	185	3	13	404	3
5	354	4	14	174	3
6	430	4	15	442	4
7	140	3	16	554	5
8	302	4	17	454	4
9	410	4	18	472	4
Out	3,357	36	In	3,097	36
Total yardage	7,054		Par	72	

body has chucked them into a canal. We want to know and I sincerely hope he comes forward this week, collects the reward and gives us back the tapes."

It would cost another £80,000 to remake the tape although John Simpson, a director of the International Management Group, is hopeful that the thief will make contact with Chiswick police, who are dealing with the robbery.

"I cannot stress what it would mean for Nick to get them back," Simpson said. "He was so proud of them, as was David Leadbetter, that I couldn't even bring myself to tell Nick that they had been stolen as it was Masters week. It could be a case of industrial espionage, although all I know is that we would pay the reward without any questions if the tapes are returned."

Meanwhile, Faldo hopes to unlock the secret to the new Jack Nicklaus course at St

Mellion on which he plays his first British tournament since his successful defence of the Masters.

Nicklaus is justifiably proud of his first venture into golf course design in Britain although not every professional will welcome the stiff examination it sets in the rolling Cornish countryside. Faldo, however, relishes a challenge and as par might prove a virtue, especially if the wind blows hard, then he is clearly the man to beat even with Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Roman Rafferty and Rodger Davis also in the field.

"It's challenging and demanding," Faldo said. "We haven't got anything like this in this country. We are only now just venturing into designer golf courses on this scale. I'm looking forward to the event especially as, for the first week in May, the course is in such excellent shape. Nicklaus has obviously implanted his greenkeeping techniques into a few minds down here."

"Downwind, downhill, down-grain - put those three together and those greens will be quick. Very quick. And they have blown all those theories that you can't get a course ready in Britain at this time of the year. They have; it's fantastic."

McEvoy uncertain of future

By John Hennessy

PETER McEvoy, the leading amateur in Britain for more than a decade, is uncertain of the part he will be able to play in the new season.

He has entered the Berkshire Trophy this weekend but can see little beyond the end of May apart from the amateur championship, the English and, he hopes, the Open. It is to be played at St Andrews this year.

A year with no Walker Cup will eliminate in the world team championships for the Eisenhower Trophy in New Zealand at the end of October, bringing a reminder of his memorable performance in Sweden two years ago.

Those of us who were lucky enough to be at Ulina last year marvel at the golf of this Englishman with a pronounced

Scottish accent who, on the last day, held the United States along with the rest of the world at bay almost single-handed.

His 71 will rank, in this column at least, as one of the most outstanding rounds of an amateur golfer given the stakes and the isolation of McEvoy as the last hope of the four-man British Isles team.

But New Zealand is too far away to enter into his thinking now. "Basically, I can only take one month at a time," he says. "My business commitments are such that I dare not look too far ahead. That's the trouble with being a genuine amateur, though you mustn't get me wrong, I have often thought the young players who can play full-time. He has been able to manage

only three medal rounds since last season, two of them in the Hampshire bog at North Hants recently, designed to acclimatize him to "going through the pain barrier of playing again." His 149 was a modest pipe-opener.

After the Berkshire he represents England in a match against France at Morfontaine but has to pass up the Brabazon Trophy at Burnham and Berrow the following week.

"I'm not too concerned about the Eisenhower at the moment because it's such a long way off," he said. "People will have forgotten what happened in May and June when the time comes to pick the team."

Unlike the people who will never forget what happened at Ulina in 1988.

HOCKEY



Not so jolly hockey sticks: Sanchez, of Argentina, is put to the crossed sword by Lister, the captain of England

England escape by All Black terriers disputed route

From Joyce Whitehead
Sydney

England 1
Argentina 0

A DISPUTED penalty stroke awarded three minutes from the end gave England victory over Argentina in their opening pool A match in the women's World Cup here yesterday. While the award proved the topic of conversation for the rest of the day, England accepted it gratefully. Edwards, facing an acrobatic goalkeeper, kept calm to score the goal.

England knew Argentina would have a good team but were not prepared for such speed, persistence, spilling tactics and tight marking. Argentina played hard - the game at this level is hard - and England are not slow in retreating. What they could not do was take the lead.

It was a cat-and-mouse type of game, tentative, light and tantalizing. Argentina missed an open goal in the first few minutes before Dixon broke out from the defending circle and nearly scored.

Argentina continued to miss chances, one a reverse stick shot which hit the post, and their goalkeeper made good saves, as did Hallam for England. For long periods the ball was pinned on one side of the pitch, neither country willing or able to let it "escape".

So action was slow and movement limited. It was not a great game but England realized their shortcomings. It is hoped they will be better today against Japan. Argentina were a trifle unfortunate.

ENGLAND: V. Hallam, K. Brown, S. Lister (captain), J. Adams, V. Dixon, K. Parker, M. Kerr, J. Lewis, L. M. Langford, C. Bayner (sub: T. Miller), K. Edwards, J. Statham.

SYDNEY - The surprise of the second day of the World Cup was New Zealand's defeat of the pool B favourites, South Korea (Joyce Whitehead writes). Christine Arthur scored from a penalty stroke in the 48th minute and New Zealand, sensing victory, played like terriers.

Korea, never easy prey, looked at moments as if they did not know what had hit them. They were surprised at the set-piece and the fact that they are not good at coming back. They like to lead and have grown better in defence but here they looked stunned.

The match between United States and Canada, a free-running, full-of-effort affair, ended in a 1-1 draw. One of the umpires, Janet Hadfield, emigrated from England to Queensland from Stockport, where she played for Stockport League and Cheshire. She got into the Queensland State side and

found that everyone had to take her turn at umpiring.

Richards put the US in front early on but Low equalized before half-time.

In pool A, West Germany settled their 2-0 victory over Japan in the first nine minutes with two of the best-taken penalty corners seen for years. They stopped the ball with great accuracy and both times they sold a series of domestic last-placing the ball in the net wide of the goalkeeper.

Jungmann and Becker enjoyed the early successes and it looked as if they could repeat the services of infatuation. But that was a wishful thought and, though Japan got busy, the game deteriorated into mediocrity.

RESULTS: Pool A: England 1, Argentina 0, West Germany 2, Japan 0, Pool B: New Zealand 1, Korea 0, Canada 1, United States 1.
TODAY'S FIXTURES: Pool A: England v Argentina, Australia v Argentina, West Germany v China, Pool B: Netherlands v Spain.

STUDENT SPORT

Pakistan Test cap shines for Durham

By Mark Herbert

THE age of 38 may be a little advanced for a cricketer coming back, in student circles it is bizarre. On Wednesday, Wasim Akram, the former Pakistan Test player, made a debut for Durham University in their first Commercial Union UAU match of the season, then took four for 11 in 17 overs with his leg breaks.

Wasim will be available all season, having enlisted on a postgraduate teaching course. He is happy to be alive, having suffered multiple injuries in a car crash in December.

Durham, who beat Newcastle by 229 runs, take the UAU championship seriously. Despite losing players of the calibre of Nassir Hussain, Tim O'Gorman and Martin Speight, they have experience replacements in Wasim, Rob MacDonald, a former South African Under-19 player, and Brian Evans, of Hertfordshire.

Jon Longley and James Boiling, the Combined Universities players, remain, and Sean Morris, who scored 103 on Wednesday, will bolster the batting.

Loughborough, who beat Durham in a thrilling final last year, have also been recruiting. Nick Knight, the Young England captain last year, remains with Warwickshire and Yorkshire respectively, and Perry Rendall, a batsman registered with Somerset.

The champions, who beat Northamptonshire second XI last week, had a gentle warm-up to this championship against Buckingham, scoring 460 for six off 50 overs then dismissing their opponents for 64.

Swansea have the talent to challenge these teams, the experienced core of Adrian Dale, David Barr, Treherne Parker and Daryn Kuttner having been strengthened by several capable freshmen; but they almost slipped up in their qualifying match against Cardiff on the urdu, winning off the last ball.

Exeter, who welcome back Mike Smith, the Combined Universities bowler, and retain seven players from last season, look strong again. Southampton, led by Gary Corcoran, the British Universities opening batsman, could also add a worthwhile challenge, while Manchester, semi-finalists last year, have begun well by beating Liverpool.

Several British Olympic athletes are included in the entry of 500 for the joint British Universities Sports Federation and UAU athletics championships in autumn this weekend.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Fixtures fall to excesses

By Keith Macklin

TWO important events in the calendar fell victim yesterday to the excessive pressure of touring team demands and fixture congestion.

The Australian League reluctantly pulled out of the world club challenge between the champion sides of Australia and Great Britain because the match would have been played immediately after the Sydney grand final and before the Kangaroos tour of Britain this autumn.

The Australians decided to give full priority to a successful tour at a time when Great Britain's challenge is at its strongest for more than 20 years.

The victim of congestion on the British domestic scene is the Rodstock War of the Roses, which is held over for a season. This is normally held in September, and the British authorities have in mind players returning from what could be an exhausting tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

The Great Britain management team will consider today the injury situation which threatens to put Andy Platt, the Wigan forward, and possibly other players out of contention for the summer tour.

The effects of fixture congestion, and of playing rugby all the year round, have been big reasons for the spate of withdrawals from the Great Britain party.

The list of absences through either injury or "personal reasons" would provide the core of a useful international squad, including as it does Hanley, the skipper, Drummond, Newlove, the Hulme brothers, the Wigan half backs Gregory and Edwards, Holliday and, in all probability, Plan and Mike Gregory.

Many of the top internationalists, like Hanley, Offiah, Andy Gregory and Lydon, have been playing rugby round the world and round the clock, playing through the British season and then flying off to lucrative summer contracts in Sydney. This has swelled their bank balances while playing havoc with injuries. Hanley is a case in point, since his pelvic injury first came to light last summer in Australia.

All these considerations have hardened the attitude of the League's board of directors towards the new idea of tours every two years. These will almost certainly revert to a four-year cycle.

BASEBALL

Man with the Smithsonian arm

By Robert Kiley

AT THE age of 43, Nolan Ryan is the oldest player in the major leagues, but the right-handed pitcher for the Texas Rangers is no rickety Methuselah. These days, when his contemporaries have long since joined the ranks of the couch potatoes, he is overpowering smooth-checked lads who were not even born when he first started scaring the batters out of their seats.

Ryan was superlative against the Chicago White Sox last week, yielding only one hit in a 1-0 victory. He struck out 16 batters, a club record - and did not give up a run for the 58th time. The one-hitter was the twelfth of his 23-year career.

Jeff Torborg, the manager of the White Sox, said: "That was a no-hitter as far as I'm concerned. The one hit we got (from Ron Kittle) was a check-swing bloop (read accident). How can you look any better than that? Nolan was awesome. He is pure greatness."

Torborg ought to know. When they were team-mates with the California Angels in



Ryan's express delivery

1973, he was the catcher when Ryan threw his first no-hitter, baseball's equivalent of the Rolls-Royce. Ryan's four other no-hitters came later in 1973, then in 1974, 1975 and 1981.

Ryan has struck out 5,117 batters, more than any other pitcher in history, and he is ahead of the competition by more than 1,000. How does he do it? Most wild old hurlers eke out an extra season, or two by lobbing off-speed "junk", or by tampering with the ball to

produce dippy-doodle trajectories. The big guy from Texas counts on his fast ball. The "Ryan Express", once clocked at an astonishing 101mph, still blazes into the catcher's mitt with an intimidating thump and a terminal puff of dust. It gets the job done in the American summer game, a jittery batter is usually an out batter.

At 6ft 2in and 155 stones, Ryan is strong and healthy. For that, he owes his training regimen, his genes and his good fortune. Contrast him with Orel Hershiser, of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who has ranked among the finest pitchers since the mid-1980s. A young buck of 31, Hershiser will probably miss the remainder of the season because of a shoulder operation.

In more than two decades, Ryan has spent only a few brief stints on the injured roster, which has helped him mow down opponents for the New York Mets (1966 and 1968-71), California (1972-1979), Houston Astros (1980-1988) and now Texas, whom he joined as a free agent for a \$2 million salary before last season.

Ryan has led the league in strike-outs in each of the last three campaigns. Last year, when he dismissed 301 batters, he became the oldest pitcher by 11 years - to strike out 300 in a season. He led the league in strikeouts with 16 wins and 12 defeats, held opponents to a feeble .187 batting average and flirted with no-hitters in five games. He struck out 10 or more in a staggering 18 of the 32 contests in which he pitched.

Ryan also became the oldest pitcher to win an All-Star Game in the American League's 53 victory over the National League last July. The defeated Dodgers, Tommy Lasorda, of the Dodgers, said: "He's an amazing man. If he continues to go out and pitch the way he does, they ought to send him to the Smithsonian Institute."

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YACHTING

Panel will consider new design

FORT Lauderdale, Florida - A blueprint for exciting 60-foot and possibly 80-foot classes has been sketched out here for a new breed of ocean racing yachts to compete in the next Whitbread Round the World Race in three years' time (Barry Pickball writes).

A meeting between skippers, designers and race officials on Wednesday has led to a seven-strong panel of designers to produce the guidelines and rules for fast ultra-light designs similar to the BOC-type singlehanded boats, which are challenging the maxis drawn to the International Offshore Rule (IOR) in speed.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Britain in dark as ILAF called off

By Richard Wetherell

DESPISE reports that the International League of American Football (ILAF) had been officially abandoned, the London-based officials of the league were still in the dark yesterday. The league, originally meant to start in 1989, was postponed until next year for what were described at the time as "logistical reasons".

Tor Westberg, European general manager of ILAF, said on Wednesday that plans were shelved after the American sponsors withdrew their money. According to Westberg, two of them, Bruce McNeill, who owns the Los Angeles Kings in the National Hockey League, and the Dallas businessman, Tommaso J. Curran, owe ILAF players and personnel up to \$1 million.

Those involved in the British sides, based in London and Birmingham, were seeking confirmation. "We have heard nothing from the head office in Texas and the Amsterdam office appears to have closed down, but all we have heard so far are rumours the league will not be going ahead," a spokesman said. This decision could affect

plans to introduce other leagues and hopes of bringing professional football to Europe. Westberg said: "Although they are being planned by other people, this decision does not bode well for worldwide professional American football."

The World League of American Football (WLAF), backed by the National Football League and financed by all but one of the 28 owners (only the McCaskey family of the Chicago Bears are not involved) is in the process of being formed, with a London franchise expected to be announced soon. Given the wider range of investment and the backing of the NFL, the same problems are unlikely, but the experience of the ILAF cannot be helpful.

Away from high finance and back on the field of the National Division Managers Association, it was not so long ago that London Ravens were the best known, as well as the best team in Britain. Last week's 34-0 defeat at the hands of Thames Valley Chargers showed that their faith in home-based players, imports from North America, has its problems.

SWIMMING

Experienced Wigan face Dutch challenge

By Craig Lord

WIGAN Wasps women and club of Leeds men face tough challenges from The Netherlands and West Germany respectively as they attempt to improve by one place on last year in order to win their events at the European Community Club Championships in Turin, Italy, today.

The Wigan women's strength lies in maturity and experience in the shape of Suki Brownson, the 1989 World Cup breaststroke and individual medley champion, Samantha Purvis, fourth in the 200 metres butterfly at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984, and Maggie Holmann and June Croft, both veterans of three Olympic Games.

Of the five women, only Croft came out of the Wigan scheme, now sponsored by Telecan, the

others joining the club long after achieving international success. Their most severe opposition should come from Dolfin Club, the Dutch champions.

Adrian Moorhouse, the holder of the 100 metres breaststroke world record, boosts the profile of the Yorkshiremen but may opt to swim only the 50 metres, allowing James Parnock to step in for the 100 metres and 200 metres.

EQUESTRIANISM

World team ambitions begin at Brighton

By a Special Correspondent

HORSES and carriages will be touring smartly down the tarmac paths of Stanmer Park, Brighton, this morning to compete in the Brighton international horse trials. In all, 120 competitors from five countries are taking part.

The trials are especially significant this year as they are the first test for British whips hoping for selection for the world equestrian games in Stockholm in July.

George Bowman, aged 55, and a member of Britain's world winning team in 1980, is a popular choice for a place. The Bowman team of black cobs look hard, fit and fresh as points.

Alwyn Holder and Peter Munt, two stalwarts of British international teams, are both here. Munt's eye-catching team of chestnuts all have similar

length white stockings and looked extremely happy in the intense heat.

Later Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning will provide the best viewing time on the cross-country marathon, with fence two the best view.

Dick Carey's 198-kilometre course has some very rough, rock-hard tracks through the woods. That will slow down the British pony team champion, Karen Bassett, whose spotted ponies only have two paces - fast and faster still.

If this happens, it will give her main rival, the Duke of Edinburgh, a chance. He is gilled at finding the quickest route and the Queen's cross-country and the Queen's team of black ponies respond cheerfully to some daunting demands on their agility and courage.

LACROSSE

Birth reverse will act as spur to Wales

Wales will be spurred to reverse their defeat to Scotland in the World Cup final by a strong performance in the first round of the European Championship in Scotland.

The Welsh team, led by captain John Jones, will face Scotland in the first round of the European Championship in Scotland. The match is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, at 11am.

Bat and ball wizards writ large

Every cricket writer has his favourites, whether they be of the distant past, of his own time or of the present day. Some are already legends, some just bordering on the sport's hall of fame. Here, three of England's greatest players are portrayed by writers whose profession, and pleasure, it is to put happenings at the wicket into words.



Willis: a devastating bowler who conquered long odds



Evans: his very presence in a match made bowlers bowl better and fielders field better



Hendren: an entertainer of both the crowd and dressing room

Since the heady days of John Snow's pomp, England has produced only one great fast bowler in virtually 20 years and to say that he was a misfit who conquered long odds is to do the case little justice. Bob Willis resembled the photo of the top quick bowler in neither body nor brain, yet through an intense desire to succeed he became, for a time, the most prolific English wicket-taker in the history of Test cricket. When Willis retired, at the end of the 1984 season, he had taken 325 wickets to 90 Tests. This despite serious injuries brought about by a gangling physique ill-suited to the punishing, pounding routine and, in addition, a complex, fretful personality not altogether ideal for his essentially simple role.

It must be one of the heaviest regrets of those running the England team that, for so much of his career, Willis did not have a regular partner with the new ball. It may be a cliché to say that fast bowlers hunt best in pairs but it is also undoubtedly true, the history of the game is littered with the evidence. If Willis's time had coincided with Snow's, who can say how much richer England's fortunes might have been? Sadly, after four successful seasons on the triumphant Ashes tour of 1970-71, they didn't play together again until the fourth Test of 1976, the last of Snow's turbulent career. Injuries were partly to blame but so too were other, less persuasive factors. It amounted to a shocking waste of potentially rewarding resources. For the remainder of his career, Willis had a bewildering variety of partners. At the tail-end of the 1970s, Ian Botham's ability to swing the new ball created an effectively contrasting strike team; then, early in the 1980s, it seemed that Graham Dilley would become the hostile ally he had long sought. But Botham's bowling flagged along with Dilley's fitness and Willis ploughed a lonely furrow once more.

Not that one would have said he suffered from solitude; in other respects, he positively sought it. Willis was at his quirkier on the eve of a big match. His nerves were legendary and they became no less of a problem for the familiarity of such occasions. He was almost 10 years an England player when he began to resort to hypnotherapy to calm him and channel his motivation away from negative thoughts. He swore by the process and was influential in introducing it to other, similarly afflicted sportsmen.

At times of stress Willis was poor company — distracted, introverted and thoroughly gloomy. He is, however, a man of contradictions and when the pressure was off, at the end of a game or, ideally, away from cricket altogether, he was invariably the life and soul of any party, his manic sense of humour utterly infectious.

It was thought that he would stay active in the game and, indeed, he set out

BOB WILLIS by Alan Lee

to do so in a managerial role, first with the Young England side and then the full touring team to the Caribbean in 1986. That disastrous tour demanded scapegoats, however, and Willis suffered more than any.

Just conceivably, he is happier without any direct involvement to cricket. The game certainly gave him more than his share of heartaches. In 1975, when he ought to have been approaching his peak, his knees gave out under the unnatural strain of supporting his 6ft 6in frame thumping into the return crease dozens of times a day. The knees were operated upon simultaneously in April of that year and pessimists pondered his chances of ever bowling fast again. Yet he was back in action before the end of the summer and returned to the England side against the 1976 West Indians. There, occasional injury and illness aside, he was to stay until his 90th and final Test eight years later.

Along the way, he dallied with the two great temptations of the era and narrowly resisted them both. In 1977 he closely considered an offer to join Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket before ultimately rejecting it and becoming vociferous against the project. Then, in 1982, he was offered the captaincy of the unofficial English party to tour South Africa. He gave it serious thought but, as he later recalled, "I turned it down for the same reason that I had become World Series Cricket and could still not imagine being sufficiently motivated by international matches which were not what they claimed to be." With supreme irony, he was made captain of England two months later. It was a job he had seldom contemplated, much less coveted, despite being vice-captain on various overseas tours. He had been at home in that job, using his undoubted powers of motivation off the field and concentrating on his bowling once the game began. Perhaps he was not so effective in total charge, though he did lead England to victory in three consecutive home series, a record which would be welcomed now.

He played his final game for England at the age of 35, advanced for a fast bowler, and he was already 31 when he secured his place in cricket folklore with that astonishing, match-winning spell at Headingley in 1981. Botham's century had turned the game but Willis's inspired bowling, delivered by a man who might easily have been in a trance, secured the most famous win in recent England history. If anyone has ever bowed with more obsessional intensity for England I should like to have seen it. The image of that day is how Willis will always be remembered.

I don't believe it is humanly possible to keep wicket any better than Godfrey Evans used to do for England in Australia. In 1950-51 he was, so far as the eye could tell, faultless from start to finish of the Test series. He had speed, confidence, technique and timing. Yes, timing — for that is as much a part of the wicketkeeper's craft as of the batsman's or the bowler's.

There may have been others as good as Evans. From 1920 until 1950, for example, Australia had first Bert Oldfield and then Doo Talloo — two superb performers. For South Africa "Jock" Cameron and John Waite were very highly skilled, and to England since the last war alone, Arthur McIntyre (although Evans kept him out of the England side), Billy Griffith, Keith Andrew, Alan Knott, Bob Taylor, John Murray, Bruce French and now Jack Russell, to name only some, have had wonderfully good hands.

But for sustained brilliance Evans to Australia is, for me, *primus inter pares*. Some of his leg-side work, standing up to Alec Bedser or coping with Doug Wright's more wayward googlies or diving for a thick edge off Tyson, was little short of miraculous. For some, Evans's style may have been too conspicuous. In this way he differed from the others I have mentioned. But by his methods a wicketkeeper conveys his personality, and there never was a more impressive cricketer than Thomas Godfrey Evans, born at Finchley on August 18, 1920.

Even in the darkest hour he would be heard to say: "We'll be there at the finish." He had the strength of an ox and a constitution that was positively awesome. However late the party the night before, he would appear next morning like a new pin.

In his late teens, when he was knocking his opponents senseless, he had had to choose between becoming a professional boxer or a Kent cricketer. Then came the war. By the time he played the first of his 91 Test matches he was 26. He established himself in the England side on the first of his four tours of Australia, in 1946-47, and, except twice in South Africa in 1948-49, when Griffith showed such sparkling form as to be preferred to him, he was an automatic choice until 1959.

There was nothing that Evans's Test captains were more concerned about than having to take the field without him. When sunstroke kept him out of the first Test in Australia in 1954-55, England lost by an innings and 154 runs. Poor Andrew, his very able understudy, found himself blamed for missing chances that never were, simply because it was said that if Evans had been there they would have been.

It was, in reality, Godfrey's ubiquitousness that England had missed, as was seen when they won the next three Test matches. He made bowlers bowl better and fielders field better, and there

GODFREY EVANS by John Woodcock

was no such thing as an Australian who frightened him.

It is a mark of the standards which he achieved that his one decidedly bad day should be so well documented. It was in 1948, when Australia scored 404 to win the fourth Test match at Headingley and Evans missed stumping Morris off Compton and then Bradman off Laker. In the Test trial at Bradford in 1950, when Laker took eight wickets for two runs on a treacherous pitch, Evans was as much in his element as he was at other times, taking catches that an acrobat would have been pleased to reach. At the end of the hottest day he would still be full of going.

He was also an incurably aggressive batsman, although his name is, in fact, to be found in the record books for slow scoring. Joining Compton at Adelaide in 1946-47, with England in dire straits and survival the first priority, Evans batted for 95 minutes before scoring. The Test match was duly saved. He scored two Test hundreds, making 98 before lunch in the second of them against India at Lord's in 1952. The other was against West Indies at Old Trafford in 1950.

On his feet he was as quick as a cat, whether going down the pitch to the spinners or turning ones into twos and threes into fours. Playing for the Players at Lord's, Evans and Brian Close once ran six without the help of an overthrow, the outfield being very slow and the ball stopping just short of the long-on boundary down by the Nursery Clock Tower. On board ship Evans's speed and marvellous catching made him pretty well unbeatable at deck tennis, while as Carmen Miranda he was usually the principal turn at the fancy dress ball.

He played his first game for Kent in 1939, as a batsman, and his last in 1967, eight years after he had officially retired. Of his 1,066 first-class victims 250 were stumped, a lower percentage than Les Ames, his predecessor (703 catches, 418 stumpings), but higher than Alan Knott, his successor (1,211 catches, 133 stumpings). For all but 60 years the three of them brought their own very special glitter to the grounds of Kent. With the bat Evans's best season was 1952, when he scored 1,613 runs (average 28.80).

Now, many years on, he is almost completely hidden behind a dense clump of whiskers. He is still instantly recognisable, all the same, by his brisk step and trim but thick-set figure, as he makes for the press box with the latest set of prices on the current match. If the bookmakers who use his services had operated in his own day, they would have had to offer longish odds against his allowing a bye. In 1946-47 in successive Australian innings of 659 for eight and 365 there were none.

Patsy Hendren is not always quoted in the same breath as the game's immortals, but his career statistics place him very high indeed in the cricketing panoply: 170 centuries, second only to Hobbs; 57,611 runs, third only to Hobbs and Woolley; 1,000 runs or more in a season 25 times, beaten only by Grace, Woolley, Cowdrey, Mead, Boycott and Hobbs; exceeding 3,000 three times, equalled only by Sutcliffe and Hammond, and 2,000 twelve times. He was also an outstanding fielder, which first brought him to prominence, and more than 750 catches were pounced in his safe hands.

Figures alone, however, tell little of the man. The universal image of Patsy — it is hard to imagine anyone calling him by his given names, Elias Henry — is of a perky, genial character, an entertainer who loved to play cricket and was as much a favourite of the Lord's crowd as the later-war years as Compton and Edrich were to be afterwards. The tremendous ovation he received in his final match there, against Surrey in 1937 when he fittingly made a hundred, was proof. He was popular too with his fellow players and would have the dressing-room in uproar with his mimicry and wit.

Born of Irish extraction at Turnham Green, near Chiswick, in 1889, Hendren, like many, graduated to Middlesex via the Lord's ground staff. He prided himself that he was never coached and modelled his play on the Lancastrian, Johnny Tyldesley, another compact figure who excelled in the speed of his footwork. Square and muscular, Hendren crouched slightly at the wicket, which made him appear smaller than he actually was. As with all the great batsmen, he possessed a sound and orthodox defence, but his strength and agility made him a master of all the strokes except the late cut. He excelled in the hook and square drive, and late in his career developed a lofted drive to mid-wicket. Above all, he was never dull to watch.

Hendren made his debut for Middlesex (though *Wisden* and the county's history credit the appearance to his brother, Denis) in the infamous 1907 match in which A.C. MacLaren, the Lancashire captain, refused to go on beyond the second day because he claimed the pitch had been deliberately damaged by spectators. Hendren's early years in the side were not blessed with great success and though he was awarded his cap in 1909 after scoring 71 against a Yorkshire attack containing Hirst, Haigh and Rhodes — going down on one knee to have the cap placed on his head by his captain, Plum Warner — it was after the First World War that he really established himself as a key member of the side.

His performances in 1919 brought recognition as one of *Wisden's* Five Batsmen of the Year and, after heading

PATSY HENDREN by Marcus Williams

the national averages in Middlesex's championship-winning summer of 1920, he was selected for the winter tour of Australia. Though he was, by some distance, leading run-maker to all matches, he performed only moderately in the Tests, all of which England lost. He was to go twice more to Australia, each time enjoying greater success outside the Test matches, although on his last visit, in 1928-29, he made a superb 169 in the opening match of the rubber at Brisbane, showing great composure at a crucial stage and then unfolding a fine array of strokes to set England on the way to victory by 675 runs and a 4-1 win in the series.

Hendren enjoyed other successes overseas, not least the 1929-30 tour to the West Indies, when, passing his forty-first birthday, he revelled in the hard pitches to the extent of four unbeaten double centuries and two centuries, and altogether scored 1,765 runs at an average of 135.76.

The achievements were all the more meritorious in that, in several of the matches, he faced Constantine bowling at his fastest with a bodyline field. The memories were not lost on Hendren, for when he faced Constantine and Martindale at Lord's in 1933, he anticipated modern practice by wearing a protective cap. Designed by his wife, it had three peaks, the extra two covering his ears and temples, and was lined with sponge rubber.

Though Hendren's record to home Tests was inconsistent, it had its highlights. He hit successive hundreds against South Africa in 1924 and then in 1927 not out against Australia at Lord's in 1926, interestingly the only Test century by a Middlesex batsman on his home ground against Australia and one which gave him, a former scorecard seller, the utmost pride. When recalled to the colours against Australia eight years later he helped England to avoid the follow-on with 79 at Trent Bridge and then scored 132 at Old Trafford in the penultimate of his 51 Tests.

Almost two decades he scored prodigiously for Middlesex, frequently heading the averages, run aggregates and total of centuries, and forming a famous middle-order partnership with his friend, J.W. Hearne. Hendren retired from county cricket in 1937 and went on to coach at Harrow School (his second year in charge saw the first win over Eton for 31 years), Lord's and Sussex and was Middlesex's scorer from 1952 to 1960. He died in 1962.

These extracts are from *Cricket Heroes*, edited by Peter Hayter (published last week by Bloomsbury, £16.99)

LACROSSE

Perth reverse will act as spur to Wales

THE women players of Wales and Scotland, who frequently join together to play as The Celts, will be rivals tomorrow in the international match at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff (Peter Tait writes).

Wales won 7-4 in 1988 and 7-3 last year, but when the teams met in the World Cup last September, Scotland won 5-3.

Nicola Bolton, making her 51st appearance, has taken over from Vivien Jones, who has retired, as the Wales captain. Helen Ward, Sophie Owen and Sally Morris, in goal, are newcomers to the side. Scotland have four new ceps in Frances Dow, Helena Graham, Cathy Milnes and Corinne Summers. England, with matches coming up against Scotland and Wales, warm-up against their reserves at Crystal Palace this evening.

POWERBOATING

Boat delay scuttles Jones

By Bryan Stiles

JONATHAN Jones, the Welsh bank clerk chasing his third world title, has had to withdraw from the first race of the Formula One inland circuit series at the last minute because his new boat is not ready.

Jones, the champion, was disappointed when he was told yesterday that his potentially world-beating craft was still at the builder's yard in Stafford instead of being shipped to Zolder in Belgium for the race.

The boat, constructed by David Burgess, will be powered by an improved Mercury V6 power unit. Mechanics at the manufacturers in the United States have engaged in a development programme that has improved reliability and added extra speed. It is claimed the boat will accelerate from 0-60mph in under two seconds, the kind of acceleration to keep him at the top.

Unfortunately for Jones, the rules were changed during the winter so that points from all races count in the 10 events instead of eight out of 10. He is worried that he will not be able to make up the points lost.

Jones reckons he makes no money out of the sport. He is seeking sponsorship for a season which can cost between £70,000 and £100,000 and is grateful that his employers, Midland Bank, allow him the time off he needs to compete.

The series has been granted Formula One status by the Union Internationale Motonautique, the world governing body, and apart from in Belgium, there will be races in Bristol, Leningrad, Lignano, Budapest, Nottingham, Chalons (France), Penang (Malaysia), Singapore and an Italian venue to be decided.

© The British offshore racing

season starts in earnest this weekend with the Spithead Trophy race being organized by the United Kingdom Offshore Boating Association on Sunday.

One of the most interesting battles will be fought in the two-litre class, where Jonathan Lucas, who pioneered the use of an aluminium boat several seasons ago, will be faced with a challenge from two other bulls made out of the material from the same manufacturers, Forge Craft, of Hampshire.

Dave Fromow, of Ramsey will be driving Le Gopher and Dennis Clemson, of Sutton, will be in charge of Jupiter Stationers. Roger Fletcher, the former class two world champion, has moved up to class one, but will compete at Portsmouth in his old boat as he is waiting for his new 46ft moonhull to be delivered.

ROWING

County crew recovers for repeat victory

TOKYO (AP) — Two British lightweight eights dominated the Henley Regatta Japan '90, rowed on the Sumida River here yesterday.

Nottinghamshire County RA crew came from behind to edge out London Rowing Club by a length.

Nottinghamshire, winners of the 1989 Henley Royal Regatta, surged ahead of London just before the finish of the 1,600-metre race.

The British finished in 5m 5.5sec, against the London's 5m 07.5sec.

Nihon University and Waseda University, of Japan, reached the final after the two British and 10 local crews had competed in preliminaries.

Nihon University came in third, followed by Waseda. The event was watched by Crown Prince Naruhito.

FOOTBALL

Darlington's point to prove

Non-League football by Mark Herbert

DARLINGTON, who have led the GM Vauxhall Conference for 21 of 35 weeks, travel to Welling United in the last match of the season tomorrow needing a point to take the championship, and with it automatic promotion back to the fourth division, out of Barnet's reach.

A draw would require Barnet, who have finished second twice in the last three seasons, to win by 13 clear goals at Chorley; otherwise, the London side can only ensure promotion if they win and Darlington lose.

A last-minute goal by Whitehouse earned Kidderminster Harriers a 3-2 win over Darlington at Aggborough on Monday night, dashing Darlington's hopes of a leisurely Saturday. Barnet kept their hopes alive with a 1-0 victory at Macclesfield on Tuesday. The nervousness displayed by both clubs in the last month suggests that

tomorrow's matches will be fraught affairs.

A new name will be added to the FA Vase tomorrow if Bridlington Town, from the Northern Counties East League, and Yeading, from the second division south of the Vauxhall League, can reach a decisive result at Wembley.

The final sets the seal on successful seasons for both clubs. Yeading have won their division and the Beaconsfield Road ground has reached first division standards, while Bridlington are hoping for promotion to the first division of the HFS Loans League after finishing champions.

Bridlington's defence, and in particular their goalkeeper, Taylor, have kept the league goals conceded this season to 20. But they have an injury worry over Branton, the left wing, who has a calf strain.

Both sides have players who have strolled the Wembley turf. Pugh, the Bridlington midfielder, picked up a runners-up medal in the Sherpa Van Trophy with Torquay United last season, and James, of Yeading, was in the Southall team which lost to Halesowen in the Vase final of 1986.

Newport AFC, founded from the ashes of Newport County, have applied for a place in the Beazer Homes League southern division after winning the Federated Homes Hellenic League on Wednesday. They beat their closest rivals, Abingdon Town, 3-1.

The club, which has spent this season playing at Moreton-in-Marsh, has arranged a groundshare with Gloucester City for next season. Newport hope that their council will allow the team to return to Somerton Park.

Ten-shot formula for World Cup success

CHARLES Hughes, the Football Association's national director of coaching, is prepared to make a bold prediction about the World Cup finals. He forecasts that, in not one of the 52 ties in Italy this summer, will a side attempt a dozen shots. Yet the figure represents an almost certain guarantee of success.

He goes further. The brightest gem in the crown of the world champions will most probably be the free-kick specialist. That could be Branco, of Brazil, Donadoni, of Italy, Koeman, of The Netherlands, or Maradona, of Argentina. Even Barnes or Waddle could be the most productive asset for England.

Hughes's claims are based on statistics collated principally from the six World Cups between 1966 and 1986. In examining the tactics of the best teams, he has devised a

Set-piece plays, dribbling and shooting are three areas in which Charles Hughes, the Football Association's national director of coaching and education, believes the World Cup can be won or lost this summer in Italy. Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, concludes our series on Hughes's winning formula in football

system, outlined in *The Winning Formula*. If implemented properly he could foresee Bobby Robson's side being triumphant in Rome on July 8.

Attacks are launched in five ways. The most penetrative is the long ball (defined as over 30 yards) into three specific channels. If completed as soon as possession has been gained, the diagonal pass in particular is potentially the most damaging when the oppo-

sition is protected by a sweeper.

If the ideal option is not available, Hughes recommends forward runs with and without the ball. The most fundamental method, though, is the forward pass to feet with colleagues supporting at an angle and prepared to receive an instant lay-off.

"Brazil and Liverpool are the best I've seen at doing that," he says, "and Liverpool are better

because they do it going forward. If Brazil could apply their technique to this system, we'd all have problems. We'd be glad just to get possession because we'd be so relieved."

He stipulates another five ways of maintaining and increasing the momentum of attack. The prime principle is to shoot at every opportunity. "Even the best sides miss a third of their opportunities and their chances of scoring are further diminished if they aim in the wrong direction. Always go for the far post."

"A colleague closing in on the same target will then be able to take advantage of a ricochet off defender or a parry by the goalkeeper. Any side producing 10 shots on goal has had an 85.7 per cent chance of winning. In the World Cup, that percentage has risen to 100."

"If the shot is not on, dribble

whenever possible," Hughes explains. "In the English game, we tend to prefer to pass but if you dribble, even if you don't go past the defender, there is usually a by-product. It is the main source of free kicks, penalties, corners and throw-ins."

One startling statistic underlines their value. No fewer than 18 of the 27 goals scored in the six World Cup finals since 1966 have originated from a set-piece. A throw-in, for example, also led to Bryan Robson claiming the fastest goal in the tournament's history, against France in the first round eight years ago.

Hughes called on fresher memories. "Remember Casagrande against Czechoslovakia last week? He made the third goal for Bulgaria with that wonderful dribble and he created the fourth for himself with another. The trouble is we've only got one Gascoigne in this country.

Brazil have three or four players with that ability."

A cross or pass to the back of the defence is another commendable tactic (crosses are responsible for one goal in four). He pointed out that most scoring headers are struck from below head height. "It proves that you don't need 6ft 4in forwards to be a threat."

The whole team must also keep its compactness when going forward. Thus, if an attack does break down, the defensive clearance can be more easily re-applied. There is no more vivid example in domestic football than Liverpool, who appear to move as one.

Liverpool most closely resemble his own philosophy but they have been undermined in the last two seasons by two of his former pupils. George Graham, who guided Arsenal to the title by winning at Anfield last year, and

Steve Coppell, who led Crystal Palace to victory in the FA Cup semi-final last month, both sought his advice.

"If Liverpool could improve their free kicks, not only defending against them but also taking them, they would be an even more dominant force." Yet his opinions are not always readily shared by managers, coaches and players. "They don't react well to statistics," he says. "Perhaps they are afraid of being conned."

"You need an open mind to receive new ideas and an enquiring mind to question them. I'm trying to sell mine because I believe in them. Others will accept my views and, once they teach them with conviction, then great things will be possible."

The Winning Formula, by Charles Hughes (Collins, £9.95, published on May 14).

CRICKET

Yorkshire struggle as bowlers mine a rewarding seam

By John Woodcock

EDGBASTON (Yorkshire won toss; Warwickshire with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 56 runs behind Yorkshire)

FOURTEEN wickets fell for 278 runs at Edgbaston yesterday, all of them taken by the seam bowlers in conditions that were entirely to their liking. Yorkshire were bowled out for 167, and by close of play Warwickshire had replied with 111 for four.

If the ball goes on moving about as it has done so far, I imagine that in view of their instructions to groundsmen (thou shalt not allow the ball to dominate the bat), the Test and County Cricket Board will want to know why. In mitigation, Warwickshire can point to their selection of two spinners at the expense of a batsman, suggesting that the pitch is an unfortunate accident rather than a breach of faith.

One of the complaints which bowlers made last season was that the Reader ball, partly because of its prominent seam, was reluctant to swing. Yesterday, in weather that was quite humid as well as being very hot, it swung eagerly, for Reeve and Small anyway, and the bounce was anything but even. This was bad luck on a Yorkshire side

which is seriously in need of runs and was kept informed of the abundance with which they were being gleaned elsewhere.

The fact that the outfield, having been specially treated, is as lush as it is plush was no help. It meant that the ball kept its shine all the longer. Reeve's bowling figures of one for six in 17 overs and the fact that Robinson, who likes to put bat to ball, made only one in 16 overs, tell the story. Small returned four for 40 in 18 overs; in days gone by, Cartwright and Bannister would probably have bowled unchanged through the Yorkshire innings.

Kellett, a Yorkshire colt, did well to survive for nearly two hours; Metcalfe battled through almost until lunch, and with his fairly basic batting method Sidebottom found less trouble than anyone until the equally basic Humpage came along. The 28 which Sidebottom and Fletcher added for Yorkshire's last wicket were riches on the day.

Besides Humpage, who pulled Warwickshire round from 43 for four, Lloyd also reached the thirties, half of his runs coming with cover drives that made a sumptuous

comparison with much else in the day. When Kalicharan, after making two in 10 overs, had been leg-before to something that kept low, it looked as though there might not be much left of Warwickshire's innings by the end. There were still 21 overs to go. But Reeve hung on with Humpage; Jarvis had to leave the field and there was even an over or two of spin. It may not be a satisfactory sort of match, but it could yet be an exciting one.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
M O Moxon c Humpage b Small 12
A A Metcalfe c Reeve b Donald 3
J A Ebley c Small b Reeve 3
S A Kellert lbw b Small 31
C Wiles not out 1
P Carrick c Reeve b Munton 26
A Sidebottom c Asif Durr b Munton 28
J P Ward c Small b Donald 4
G Gough c Humpage b Donald 4
S O Francis not out 4
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 2, nb 1) 23
Total (15 overs) 167
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-50, 3-74, 4-102, 5-104, 6-105, 7-119, 8-121, 9-126, 10-130, 11-131, 12-132, 13-133, 14-134, 15-135, 16-136, 17-137, 18-138, 19-139, 20-140, 21-141, 22-142, 23-143, 24-144, 25-145, 26-146, 27-147, 28-148, 29-149, 30-150, 31-151, 32-152, 33-153, 34-154, 35-155, 36-156, 37-157, 38-158, 39-159, 40-160, 41-161, 42-162, 43-163, 44-164, 45-165, 46-166, 47-167, 48-168, 49-169, 50-170, 51-171, 52-172, 53-173, 54-174, 55-175, 56-176, 57-177, 58-178, 59-179, 60-180, 61-181, 62-182, 63-183, 64-184, 65-185, 66-186, 67-187, 68-188, 69-189, 70-190, 71-191, 72-192, 73-193, 74-194, 75-195, 76-196, 77-197, 78-198, 79-199, 80-200, 81-201, 82-202, 83-203, 84-204, 85-205, 86-206, 87-207, 88-208, 89-209, 90-210, 91-211, 92-212, 93-213, 94-214, 95-215, 96-216, 97-217, 98-218, 99-219, 100-220, 101-221, 102-222, 103-223, 104-224, 105-225, 106-226, 107-227, 108-228, 109-229, 110-230, 111-231, 112-232, 113-233, 114-234, 115-235, 116-236, 117-237, 118-238, 119-239, 120-240, 121-241, 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